



GREAT WAR

Reminders of conflict go on display

History man joins fight to save pub

A HISTORY society member has become the latest objector to plans to demolish a Dudley pub.

George Blackham, of Sedgley Local History Society, has joined calls to preserve the King Arthur.

Jahorina Limited, which bought the pub on the corner of Birmingham New Road and Priory Road for more than £1.3 million, wants to flatten it.

It believes the 1930s building does not have a viable future as a pub and the site would be better used for a store.

But history enthusiasts have written to Dudley Council to lodge objections.

Mr Blackham said: "The late 1930s public house is situated at a 'gateway' to the centre of Dudley and its elevated position demands the retention of this striking building. The King Arthur is a fine example of a road-house facing the 1920s Wolverhampton to Birmingham dual carriageway."

The chairman of St John's Church Preservation Group, Deb Brownlee, and Christine Buckley, of All Saints Vicarage, Sedgley, have lodged objections.

But there have been letters of support. English Heritage decided against listed status due to loss of original features.

Town houses plan for hall

A £192,000 scheme to convert Holloway Hall, Dudley, into two town houses has been announced by Dudley Council.

The building is near the Holloway Chambers and Elizabeth House, Priory Street, which were converted into offices. The council is working to increase the number of homes in the town centre and Holloway Hall has been chosen as the next stage.

Some of the cash for it has come from the Homes and Communities Agency.

£1.4m ARREARS SPARK CONCERN

FIGURES revealing council house tenants in Dudley owe more than £1.4million in unpaid rent have been described as deeply concerning.

There are currently around 5,435 households in arrears across the borough, council has said. It has been offering additional support to families struggling to make ends meet.

But the number of people in arrears has fallen compared with September last year, when more than 9,000 tenants were in arrears.

Reforms such as the 'bedroom tax' and the introduction of a benefit cap which came into force last year have been blamed for people falling behind on their payments.

The total amount owed to the council is £1,405,690.

Councillor Ken Finch, who represents Castle & Priory, one of Dudley's most deprived wards, said he was 'deeply concerned' by the figures.

Struggling

He said he was seeing an increase in the number of people with rent problems attending his weekly surgeries.

"The bedroom tax and other benefit reforms have really taken their toll.

"It's not just one cut but many that are affecting people. People are really struggling.

"We are seeing more and more people who are having problems paying their rent. But for every one we are seeing, I'm sure there are three or four more who are struggling in silence."

There has also been increased demand for the council's mortgage advice service which has helped more than 350 people dur-

By Heather Large

ing the past year. Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "At the end of July 5,435 tenants were in arrears and the value was £1,405,690.

"If anyone is struggling to pay their rent it is important that they don't ignore it but contact us and we can help.

"We have income management officers who can talk through their problems with them, make sure that they are receiving all the of the benefits that they are entitled to and put together a manageable plan to help them pay off any arrears."

Figures released at the beginning of the year showed there were around 4,000 people on the waiting list for council properties in Dudley.

Of these, 2,091 were hoping for a one-bedroom property and 1,420 for a two-bedroom home with only 441 seeking a three-bedroom property and 143 a four-bedroom.

The number of calls taken by homeless charity Shelter from people struggling to pay for their homes in the West Midlands has soared by just more than 97 per cent in the past two years.

In the year to the end of March it had calls from 679 people.



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Stuff of dreams as story comes to life



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Bill meets Billie as he opens enclosure



All smiles after Bill Oddie cuts the ribbon to open the Baboons on the Bank enclosure

TV star and conservationist Bill Oddie did a spot of monkeying around when he officially opened Dudley Zoo's £20,000 Baboons on the Bank attraction.

Crowds gathered in the rain on Monday to see Bill open the new one-acre hillside exhibit, which now houses a family group of Gelada baboons and take a ride over the attraction on one of the zoo's chairlifts.

Bill also met his namesake, seven-week-old Gelada baby Billie, whose mother Addis was one of a group of Gelada females to arrive from France last year.

Bill said: "This year it was very important to me that I make a point to visit as many zoos up and down the country to see the work that they do."

When asked what he thought about his name being given to the baby baboon Bill said: "It's a very nice thought and I will endeavour to set a great example for young Billie."

Head of media and communications at the zoo, Jill Hitchman, said: "Bill is a keen supporter of the zoo's work and took a tour of the site to see our latest developments and met a few new arrivals during our recent baby boom - including seven-week-old Billie.

"Billie is gorgeous and already very alert, he loves watching what's going on around him and is starting to communicate with group members through facial expressions, which is how the species interacts."

£50,000 grant for church's project

CHURCHLEADERS in Sedgley have secured a £50,000 grant to revamp their building's entrance and to create a cafe.

It is part of a wider scheme at St Andrew's URC Methodist Church aimed at boosting facilities for the community.

The church, which was built in 1857, serves more than 800 people each week, including many from one of the most deprived wards in the area, the Beacon Estate.

It is working to improve access to the building and encourage the community to use the community cafe and the planned drop-in and youth activities.

The grant has been awarded by the Biffa Award's Community Building scheme.

Work includes demolishing the entrance and installing a light and airy, fully glazed, and centrally situated entrance vestibule.

The church is used by an array of community groups. Hot lunches are also served to senior citizens once a fortnight.

June Weaver, volunteer coordinator at St Andrew's outreach committee, said: "I know that there are many lonely people in Sedgley who will benefit from our proposed new coffee bar which will be more visible from the street."

Stumping up for charity

TWO teams of kind hearted cricketers took part in a charity cricket match to raise funds for a charity that supports children from a disaster ridden area of Belarus.

Dudley Patels took on a team from Stourbridge Cricket Club in aid of the Kinver and Wolverhampton branch of Chernobyl Children's Life Line.

Along with the cricket match the club ran a barbecue and also organised a raffle and raised £505.

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MP remembers Attenborough's visit

TRIBUTES have poured in from the worlds of entertainment and politics following the death of Richard Attenborough.

The Oscar-winning actor and director died on Sunday at the age of 90 and he is fondly remembered by the people he met during his visits to the West Midlands over the years.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin remembers the lifelong Labour sup-

porter helping out with the party's campaign during a by-election in the area 20 years ago. He turned out to lend his support to Ian Pearson, the Labour candidate in the 1994 Dudley West by-election.

"I remember him arriving in his Rolls-Royce in Brierley Hill High Street," said Mr Austin, who was then a Dudley councillor. "It wasn't every day you saw a gleaming Rolls-

Royce in Brierley Hill High Street, and it did cause a bit of a stir, it was quite exciting." The actor joined Mr Pearson for tea in at Nan's Cooking cafe, Moor Centre, before hitting the campaign trail in Sedgley.

He said he did not feel at all out of place in Brierley Hill, adding: "I don't spend my life at plush parties and premieres. I am a very down to earth person." In 1950, he paid

tribute to the Royal Navy during an appearance at Dudley's Gaumont cinema, while sea scouts formed a guard of honour on the stage.

The Mayor of Dudley, Alderman W H Molineux, introduced him and signed autographs for many of the 200 waiting fans. Later, he appeared at the Danilo cinema, Stourbridge, and rover scouts and sea rangers formed a guard of honour.

New deadline set in Hippodrome battle

CAMPAIGNERS have been set a new deadline to devise fresh proposals to save Dudley Hippodrome as councillors push to take a final decision on its future.

Dudley Council bosses say the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group and events company Events that Rok have until the end of October to submit revised proposals for the derelict venue.

Match in aid of clinic for glaucoma

A businessman has organised a charity football match in aid of a hospital eye clinic.

Shaz Saleem has chosen the Glaucoma Clinic to support from the proceeds of his annual Dudley Private Hire & Taxi Association Football Tournament on 7 September.

It will take place at the Del Stadium in Brierley Hill and will raise funds for the clinic based at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

Glaucoma is a potentially blinding, complicated eye condition and is the second leading cause of blindness in the world. The Glaucoma Department aims to raise awareness of this condition which, if diagnosed early, can enable prompt treatment and preservation of sight.

Mr Saleem said: "I have encouraged all our drivers to have regular check-ups. Also, our drivers are also spreading the word of the seriousness of Glaucoma."

Find out more about the football tournament at www.facebook.co.uk/DPHTA. Anyone wishing to raise money for Glaucoma Support can contact Karen Phillips on 01384 456111 ext 3349.

It comes as consultants employed by the council say around £400,000 would have to be spent clearing asbestos from the building in order to make it safe.

The friends' group and Events that Rok, which have both submitted plans to run the venue, have been granted one-off access to the building to check on its current state and make any further assessments.

Yet officials say the visit can only be made by wearing protective masks and clothing due to the levels of the substance exposed inside.

Regeneration boss, Councillor Judy Foster, has urged the two groups to meet in a bid to reach a consensus for the future of the building.

But she said a decision on its future will be taken by the end of the year to 'avoid further deterioration' of the Hippodrome.

Councillor Foster said: "The council has always stated it will look with an open mind at any viable options for the future use of the building."

"As part of this commitment we have agreed to give the friends group access to parts of the building which are safe to enter as they have requested this in order to support the development of a revised business plan."

"The council's consultants have advised that the total cost for dealing with the asbestos in the building is likely to be in the region of £400,000."

Conservatory finishes project



Roger Scott-Dow and resident Mary Elcock with Jane Clarke, David Attwood, Gra-

THE Rotary Club of Dudley has completed a major refurbishment of the Rotary House sheltered accommodation on Middlepark Road. The work began two years ago and the final piece to be added was a £30,000 conservatory.

Graham Dean, from the club, said: "This marks the end of two years of major refurbishment work and the conservatory really is the cherry on top."

The club built Rotary House in the early 1970s to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. It was later extended to provide more than

50 apartments for the elderly. Rotarian and councillor Roger Scott-Dow said: "We wanted to improve the welfare of people living in the accommodation and we felt a conservatory was the way to do that."

He said when the club decided to build the accommodation in 1972 it was an unusual thing for a Rotary club to do.

He said: "It was an innovative thing to do and I am proud to say that we still operate the accommodation even today."

"We leave the day to day running to the professionals though."

Fossils and family fun for all at museum

A free fossil family fun day is taking place at a Dudley museum at the weekend.

The event at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery is promising activities for geologists and dino-hunters of all ages.

Youngsters can cast their own fossil model to take home and drop in to the storytelling sessions and magic shows which will be taking place throughout the day.

The Juniors at Museums Club will be running drop in dino crafts at £2.25 per child. Children can fill in a dinosaur quiz sheet to be in with the chance of winning a prize on the day.

There will also be six exhibitors selling fossils, jewellery, gems, crystals and minerals.

Visitors can also look around the geology unearthed gallery and the dinosaur gallery, complete with animatronic baby t-rex and other lifelike dinosaur models, or drop in on the new WWI exhibition, complete with High Street and trench.

The event runs from 10am - 4pm.

Councillor Hilary Bills, said: "Dudley Museum's fossil family fun day is sure to go down well with families and collectors too."

Cap on cost of repairs

AN MP has welcomed a new law that will cap the amount councils can charge leaseholders for future repairs to their homes.

The new rules followed complaints about councils issuing excessive and unfair repair bills to people who lease their home.

Councils and housing associations will now have to limit the amount they charge leaseholders for future major repair, maintenance or improvement work to £10,000 over a five year period. Councils will now have to offer affordable ways to pay these bills.

Dancing classes

A line dancing class is starting up in Stourbridge for beginners and those returning to line dance on September 3 at St Michael's church hall, Maynard Avenue, Norton.

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Unlicensed rubbish collectors warning

ENVIRONMENTAL bosses at Dudley Council wants borough residents to ensure that anyone collecting rubbish from their property is registered and will dispose of it responsibly.

The call comes during the busy summer period when people are carrying out gardening work such as cutting back trees and hedges and looking to dispose of large amounts of waste.

Councillor Hilary Bills said anyone who is not a registered carrier of waste is likely to fly-tipped their rubbish.

She said: "We would urge people to ensure they use registered waste carriers who will dispose of the rubbish responsibly."

"Paying someone to take it away who is not registered is likely to lead to the rubbish being fly-tipped which leads to a cost to the taxpayer."

Residents in the borough are also encouraged to use the fortnightly green waste recycling collection to dispose of smaller garden waste, while household waste can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge. The centre is open from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm on weekends.

England coach to speak at club

ENGLAND'S Rugby Union head coach Stuart Lancaster is to speak at a fund-raising event in the Black Country.

Dudley Kingswinford RFC is presenting an evening of rugby talk on September 19 at 7.30pm at its Heathbrook ground. Radio 5 Live presenter Pat Murphy is also taking part.

Tickets are £60, which include a three-course meal and welcome drink. Tables of 10 are also available for £550

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Club for auction

A FORMER snooker club in Rowley Regis will go up for auction in Birmingham.

The Golden Cue Snooker Club, Regis House, Station Road, has a guide price of £265,000 in the CPBigwood auction on October 23 in the Holte Suite at Aston Villa's Villa Park ground at 11am.

Shaun overcomes the heartbreak to triumph



Shaun Abbott with Hayley Giles and, Omar Sharif, Faye Cartwright, Frank Price, Tom Taylor, and Stephen Taylor

SHAUN Abbott has suffered the heartbreak of losing both of his parents in less than 18 months – while still a teenager.

But he has battled against grief to secure an apprenticeship in his dream career.

The 16-year-old was volunteering at Dudley charity City Can Cycle, which revamps old bikes, when his mother died of a heart attack last year. He caught the attention of PcsO Omar Shariff, who knew him from his patrols.

He suggested Shaun joined the Prince's Trust Team scheme. He joined the programme in December under the guidance

of PcsO Hayley Giles. She said he had an 'inspirational work-ethic', which saw him achieve a near 100 per cent attendance record. But just as the teenager was coming to terms with the loss of his mother, his father was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Despite this, Shaun remained committed to finishing the project and completed a placement with Wall Heath Bathrooms.

It was only towards the end of the programme that his mentors learned he had spoken of his aspirations to become a plumber with his mother in the weeks before her death. With the end in sight, and

on the night of his presentation, his father was taken to hospital. He died on the last day of the programme – but to the amazement of his mentors and colleagues, Shaun was back in the office the next morning.

PcsO Giles said: "He kept his spirit going and was just so committed."

At the end of the course delighted bosses at Wall Heath Bathrooms offered Shaun a plumbing apprenticeship.

PcsO Giles said: "He told his mother it was his dream to become a plumber and he did her proud by going out and making his dream come true."

Improvements set to start on town centre road layout

BUSINESSES have welcomed the news that work on a new traffic layout in Dudley town centre will start on Monday – offering better access to shops and easier parking.

The £650,00 project in King Street will see it opened up to all traffic – a move council chiefs hope will benefit shops and businesses. Work will carry on until November.

Council chiefs council said would leave retailers with enough time to build up Christmas trade.

But they are worried about how the work could affect business.

Dudley Council has pledged it would keep disruption to a minimum.

For 15 years, King Street, between Union Street and Flood Street, has been closed to motorists with buses and taxis being given priority, meaning there is no close parking for shoppers.

This also means finding parking elsewhere is awkward for shoppers. Anyone wishing to drive from one side of the street to the other is diverted in a loop around Flood Street car parks to the rear of King Street.

The scheme will see the road reopened to traffic from both directions with cars given priority over buses and taxis.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transport, said: "It is our absolute aim to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible to businesses in the area."

Eight new parking spaces will be created in the hope it will encourage passers-by to stop and shop.

A raised area to assist pedestrians crossing the road will be installed and the traffic signals at the junction with Hall Street will

£900,000 restoration ready to get started



An artist's impression of how the newly refurbishment Carvers Cafe site in the centre of Dudley will look

WORK on a £900,000 regeneration scheme in the heart of Dudley is getting under way.

Council bosses said the project at the former Carvers Cafe, off Priory Street, will herald a 'vibrant' future for the town.

The building will be transformed into a stylish new bar and restaurant to bring the rundown, boarded up premises back to life.

It was also once home to Dudley's first fire station and a former glass-

works – and the new operators plan to paid homage to its past during the facelift.

Work was due start on the double fronted building this week including the reinstatement of a number of key architectural and heritage features.

These include the original fire station frontage, which will see the removal of the 70s shop front and the reconstruction of the fire station doors, creating direct access onto Priory Street. The site, which is of

archaeological significance, was once occupied by Dudley Flint Glass works and constructed around 1770.

Remains from the previous glass works lie beneath Stone Street Square and as part of the, the foundations will be exposed with lighting and viewable through a glass floor.

A new tenant hopes to open the bar and restaurant in the spring.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss, Councillor Judy Foster, welcomed the work to restore a 'town centre gem'.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Foodbank staff are top brains

STAFF and volunteers at Black Country Foodbank have won an annual quiz.

The team of four saw off competition from 14 other teams representing voluntary groups and charities from across Dudley borough.

It won the title Volunteering Brains of Dudley Borough.

The Foodbank team last picked up the trophy in 2009.

Anyone who would like donate items can view suitable food products and locations at www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Call to runners for charity race

KINVER Rotary Club is making final preparations for its annual 10k race which includes a 2k children's fun run.

More than 200 runners are already expected to take part on October 5.

Proceeds from the event go to , Action Heart, at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

It costs £12 for UK affiliated club members and £14 for those not attached to a club. Entry forms can be found on www.actionheartrunning.com

Society to talk about old group

ONE of the Black Country's oldest organisations will be the subject of a history talk next month.

Don Cochrane will be speaking at the first meeting of Stourbridge Historical Society after the summer break on September 18.

His talk is called A History of the Stourbridge Institute. The society meets at the Wollaston Room, Stourbridge Town Hall.

New homes for former factory

A FORMER garden ornament factory will be knocked down to make way for new homes.

J&M Grafton has submitted plans to demolish the block in Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal.

In its place, the developer will build 10 one and two bedroom apartments. The buildings were used until December 2012.

Candle opening

A SPECIALIST candle shop has opened at Merry Hill, creating sevenjobs. Yankee Candle welcomed shoppers on Friday. Simply Be and Jacamo has announced plans for a store, creating around 30 jobs.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

MORE sightings of unusual names of legal firms. In Sli-go, Ireland, a reader discovered Argue & Pibbbs.

THERE must be an election coming. Why else would the Government promise a new law to jail those who use non-violent "controlling behaviour" in relationships? It is a promise rich in good intentions and fine sound bites but almost impossible to turn into solid prosecutions. For starters, what about those cultures which regard a wife as the property of her husband? If you can't control your own property, what is British justice coming to? (And if you disagree with that you're insulting my culture).

FIVE miles out to sea in a tiny dinghy, a sailor was rescued by a lifeboat from Dorset a few days ago. He had no lifejacket and no lights and was equipped with nothing more than a bag of food, a US passport and a street map of Southampton. It turns out he was a Bulgarian but surely he has shown all the fearless (not to say brainless) maritime qualities required of any true Brit. I suggest we grant him immediate UK citizenship and full membership of the organisation which provides so much summertime employment for the lifeboat crews, the Birmingham Navy.

DAVID Cameron says every Government policy should pass a "family-friendly" test. So he's abolishing inheritance tax, then? Thought not.



NICHOLAS Parsons declares that he's fed up with scruffy open-necked shirts and says it's time to bring back the cravat. I do hope not. The only person you should trust less than a man wearing a bowtie is a man wearing a cravat.

SANDRA Howard, the 74-year-old model and wife of former Tory leader Michael, writes a joyous column about the photograph taken of Lauren Bacall when she was 85 trilling: "Every line on her proud, defiant face is a lesson in how to embrace growing old." No it isn't. Every line is a reminder how unkind old age can be to once-beautiful women. If Bacall or any other former beauty could be magically given the face she had at 35, I bet they'd go for it like a shot. Women celebrating wrinkles is like blokes celebrating an enlarged prostate.

THE mayor of Rome, Ignazio Marino, has accused our Foreign Office of exaggerating the danger of pickpockets in his city. He may have a point. In my limited experience, the official advice, coupled with dire warnings from tour guides, makes you so paranoid about pickpockets you entirely overlook the individuals who will rob you blind, time and again. They are called head waiters.

MY eye was caught by a big, glossy feature on kid-dy-carrying bikes. All have some sort of container for small children on the front of the bicycle, which strikes me as the most dangerous end. To some folk, these machines speak of economy and family togetherness. I keep thinking of human shields.

BEING a dab hand with computers and their little ways, I offered to help a friend of a certain age make her online claim for her state pension. Bear in mind, this application process is intended to be tackled by over-60s. First you have to choose a password. Then you wait two days for an activation code and security number. Then you have to input all those numbers and the code and complete a form which takes an average of 20 minutes. If you make one single mistake you have to ring the helpline the next day and try to put it right. Or you can avoid the internet altogether and do it all by phone, which I thoroughly recommend unless you want to drive yourself bonkers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star



Sarah Blazejewski and Harvey Jones, aged seven, from Quarry Bank



The officers' mess re-enacted in one of the display cases at the museum

Reminders from The Great War go on show

BY JON PRITCHARD

HUNDREDS of items belonging to families from the Midlands are now on display in Dudley, as part of a four-year exhibition paying tribute to the role of locals in the First World War.

The two-part exhibition is packed full of items – all with local links. The first mimics a High Street, with shop frontages as display cases, to represent the Home Front, while the second is a trench, complete with working periscopes and the thundering sounds of bombs and guns going off.

In the Home Front display, one of the most touching artefacts is the story of Beaty Westwood, who lived in Netherton at the time, and her letters which were donated from her family who now live in Kinver.

Beaty was sent standard letters from her boyfriend, Tom Danks, also from Netherton. The letters are the standard issue, and the soldiers had to cross out the sayings that applied to them.

Signature

Mr Danks' letter simply read 'I am quite well' with his signature and the date at the bottom.

Sadly like so many others, he didn't survive the war, so the pair never got the chance to continue their relationship.

Also in the same display is the paper which was used to send a gentleman called Fred Holloway's 'personal effects' home to his family.

Included in the items is a remarkably well-preserved wallet, which contains both English and French coins, as well as a 50 cent note issued by the Bank of Amiens.

Adrian Durkin, an exhibition officer at the museum, said: "On the back of the paper was another address so it seems like the Army reused the paper somehow. This display is possibly the most poignant one we have.

"There is also a picture that has been lent to us from the Simons



Weapons and military kit from the German side



A display showing a nurse in a field hospital

family, who are related to Beaty Westwood. The family are quite artistic and there is a picture of Lord Kitchener, which was painted by Ernest Simons, their great uncle, when he was 15."

Another of the shop frontages' shows the importance of the cavalry and the use of swords during the early months of the war.

Alongside some of the swords that were used in the early days are pictures of two local cavalrymen.

Trooper Harold Scamp, from Lower Gornal, was in the 7th Dragoon Guards and Trooper William Hughes from the 3rd Battalion 1st Worcester Yeomanry, who was from Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, are both pictured on their steeds.

Mr Durkin said: "The swords in the display do not belong to the two gentlemen but, seeing as they were in the cavalry we thought we would

put their pictures in the display.

"A lot of people don't realise how many people were injured by swords in the first action of the war at Mons, so it's nice for us to add in the pictures of these two local lads."

He added: "All of the items that we have in the exhibition have come from local people.

Collectors

"They have either come from collectors in the area or from families who had grandfathers or great-uncles in the war. Often they would bring things home from the war with them and people have kept them in the family through the years.

The museum put out appeals for people to come forward with their items from the war.

Mr Durkin said they had an over-

whelming response. "We had more than 50 people come forward with different items.

"Unfortunately, we have had a lot of duplicates that people have lent us so we haven't been able to exhibit everything, but I'd like to say thank you to everyone who brought something in to us.

"Things such as demobilisation papers and the war medals have been brought in a few times, and we have tried to use as much of them as possible.

"We have got a great collection of medals, with the main three that people got.

"They are the 1914/15 Star, the War Medal and the Victory Medal. These were quite common.

"They were nicknamed Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, after cartoon characters who were popular during the time."

Tweeted toilet is kicking up a stink

A council and rail company are in talks over the future of one of the worst rail station toilets in the West Midlands.

Facilities at Sandwell and Dudley station were so bad they prompted Twitter user Ryan Cudlipp to take a picture of the metal bowl and wooden seat and post it online.

The loo in question is believed to be the responsibility of Sandwell Council although normally such conveniences are down to rail companies to keep in good order.

Sandwell's environment boss Councillor Maria Crompton, is looking into it.

She said: "Sandwell Council is currently negotiating with representatives from Network Rail and Centro regarding responsibility for future maintenance and cleansing services at the Sandwell and Dudley train station toilets."

London Midland spokeswoman Lindsey Preece said: "We have been working in partnership with Centro, Network Rail and the council to look at ways to keep the toilets open for passengers.

"These discussions are still on going."

Power cut to 3,500 homes

MORE than 3,500 homes were left without power due to an underground cable fault.

The blackout affected properties in Lower Gornal at around 5am last Tuesday.

The power remained off for about an hour as engineers worked to resolve the issue.

A spokesperson for Western Power Distribution said: "We can confirm that properties in the Lower Gornal area of Dudley did suffer a loss of power due to a fault with an underground cable. "We will carry out repairs to prevent it recurring."

Golf shop raided

GOLF clubs and clothing were stolen during a break-in at a golf shop.

The burglary at the Swindon Golf Club shop at Blackhills, Swindon, near Dudley, took place early last Tuesday.

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Cannabis is found in burglary probe

POLICE investigating a burglary found what is believed to be a cannabis factory.

Officers responded to reports of a raid at an industrial unit in Trinity Street, Old Hill, at 9.20am on August 19. But while they were there, they could smell cannabis, and went to investigate.

The stench led them to some garages at the back of Mace Street, and inside one they discovered a small amount of the drug.

The cannabis was confiscated by the police officers, but no arrests have yet been made.

Chilli festival will heat up the city

BIRMINGHAM Chilli Festival will return to the city on September 19 and 20. Organisers say the free event in Brindleyplace will be 'hotter than ever'.

It will feature stalls selling chilli-inspired food, along with live music and cookery demonstrations by chefs from nearby restaurants.

There will also be a chilli eating competition, which will see 15 brave people compete against each other to see who can eat the hottest chilli.

New look for society branch

A BRANCH of the Dudley Building Society is to close for refurbishment until next month.

The society's head office moved out from the premises in Stone Street, Dudley, to the Waterfront, Brierley Hill, last year.

Now the old premises are being converted into an ordinary branch with a modern look.

The office reopens at 9am on September 1.

Merson to speak at fundraiser

FORMER England and Aston Villa star Paul Merson will be the guest speaker at a sporting dinner to raise funds for a Wolverhampton football club.

AFC Wulfrunians are staging the event at the Copthorne Hotel, Level Street, Brierley Hill on September 26 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £35 or £300.

Call 07545 558125.

Fence wrecked

AROUND 160ft of new fencing has been destroyed by vandals at Saltwells Nature Reserve, Netherton, last week. Panels were broken and pulled up. Deputy council leader Pete Lowe said: "We are dismayed."

Funding boost for troubled families

HUNDREDS of families across Dudley will be offered help as part of a Government scheme aimed at tackling problems which are often passed from generation to generation.

Dudley Council has become one of only two authorities in the West Midlands to be awarded more funding towards its troubled families programme.

The cash will be provided in a bid to encourage more children to return to school and get more adults back into work.

Practical support will include CV writing, job interview skills and highlight training opportunities and job vacancies in the area. They will also put families in contact with local employers.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "The extra funding will allow more families in Dudley to benefit from the programme with further support for families affected by domestic violence and those suffering with a range of health problems."

The programme also aims to reduce anti-social behaviour and council chiefs will be looking to cut crime and tackle issues such as teenage pregnancies.

Docs may have to say sorry

DOCTORS could be forced to apologise to patients and families if regulators find them to be in the wrong.

A new consultation from the General Medical Council questions whether or not doctors across the UK should be required to say sorry if they have failed to do so. An apology may also be taken into account when a fitness to practice panel is deciding on sanctions, the document states.

Also, those who fail to blow the whistle if they have concerns about the capability of a colleague could face stricter sanctions.

Not in hot water

DUDLEY Town's West Midlands Regional Premier League match against Pegasus Juniors had to be postponed on Saturday because there was no hot water at the club's Dell Stadium. The club contacted the away team on Friday night.

Work starts on houses at old factory site



An artist impression of the homes

BUILDING work is under way at the old Lloyds metal works, off Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill.

The engineering firm once made propellers during the Second World War before shifting production to heavy duty chains and starter rings.

But the firm moved production to India by the start of 2006, leading to the factory being demolished for redevelopment.

Piles of rubble and overgrown weeds will be now be replaced with 80 new homes.

The computer generated image released by developer Taylor Wimpey shows how the two, three and four-bedroom properties will

breathe new life into the site. Ward councillor Margaret Wilson has welcomed the work, saying it was important site in the town, which had become an 'eyesore' in recent years.

"It has been in a bad state for a while now. I would like to have seen more social housing in the area."

"However, this is still a good development," she said.

Anne Wallace, from Taylor Wimpey Midlands, described it as a 'prime location' beside Dudley Canal and an area of woodland designated as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation.

She added: "The former Lloyds factory site had been vacant and disused for some time and it really wasn't doing justice to the area - but now construction is well under way at Lockside Walk, its appearance is changing dramatically for the better."

Early prices include three-bedroom houses at £158,995 and four-bedroom at £246,950.

The developer was granted planning permission for the new homes in November last year.

A scheme had earlier won outline approval more than four years ago for 156 homes but those plans were revised.

Delight for students with their GCSE exams success

By Charlie Benton

THOUSANDS of teenagers across Dudley and Sandwell have been celebrating a bumper crop of GCSE results.

Nationally the proportion of GCSEs awarded a C or higher rose for the first time in three years, but figures also showed large swings in English and maths results.

Across England many headteachers reported volatile results and warned that for some students it could affect their chances of a place at a top university or their opportunity to go on to sixth-form or college.

At Old Swinford Hospital School some of the outstanding achievements came from Oliver Mann, from Stourbridge, who gained nine A*, Arthur Heung, from Wolverhampton, who got four grade A*, five grade A and one grade B, and Cameron Harrison, from Stourbridge, who got 2 grade A*, 4 grade A and 4 grade B.

In Halesowen at Windsor High School and Sixth Form 74 per cent of pupils gained five A*-C grades and 23 per cent of grades were at A*-A.

Proud

Headteacher Keith Sorrell said: "These are great results again this year. I am very proud of all our students and congratulate them and the staff on such excellent performance."

"I am particularly pleased with the big increase in A* and A grades this year overall and 20 students gained 8 or more A*-A grades."

At Heathfield School, Wolverley, 86 per cent of pupils achieved five or more A*-C grades including English and maths with a 100 per cent pass rate.

For the third year in a row the percentage rate increased with 76 per cent of subjects taken graded at A*, A or B. Two pupils at the school passed all subjects at A*.

Mrs Faith Wilson, deputy head said, "We are delighted for our students. They have worked extremely hard and the results reflect this. They have all gained the place they wanted to continue their education. Congratulations to all."

At Hagley Catholic High School 80 per



Arthur Heung, Ollie Mann, Cameron Harrison, from Old Swinford Hospital School

cent of pupils secured five or more A*-C grades, including English and maths.

In maths 89 per cent achieved A*-C grades, 88 per cent achieved A*-C in English and 86 per cent of pupils secured A*-C in at least one of the sciences.

Nearly one in three pupils secured at least five A*-A grades with ten pupils scoring 10 or more A*-A grades.

Mr Ted Hammond, headteacher, said: "These are quite remarkable results for a non-selective intake."

"Virtually all of the pupils have attained five A*-G qualifications. Congratulations to the pupils and their families."

At Ormiston Forge Academy, Cradley Heath, 56 per cent of year 11 students achieved five A*-C grades including English and Maths. And 73 per cent of students achieved 5 A*-C grades, this is in spite of

declining national trends. This represented a 12 per cent increase on the five A*-C grades including English and maths from last year.

Notable achievements included: Liane Southall 7-A*, 4-A, 1-B; Halima Sultana 5-A*, 3-A, 4-B; Stephanie Hudson 5-A*, 4-A; Katherine Jeffery 3-A*, 3-A, 6-B; Tyla Allen 2-A*, 4-A, 2-B; Kieran Toland 2-A*, 8-A, 2-B; Moosa Rehman 2-A*, 3-A, 3-B and Hayley Munn 1-A*, 7-A, 4-B.

Progress

The overall pass rate for English and maths was 94 per cent. The maths improvement saw an eight per cent increase on last year to 61% this year, plus a record number of A*s.

Principal Andrew Burns, said: "We are incredibly proud of our students who have



Ormiston student Liane Southall

worked hard in their GCSE studies to achieve these results." He added: "I am especially pleased that the levels of progress continue to show a strong year-on-year improvement, this reflects the overall performance of every student in every subject."

Dr Lisa Mason, vice principal for Key Stage 4, said: "I congratulate them all." Results for England, Wales and Northern Ireland showed a sharp drop in English grades, with 61.7 per cent of entries scoring A*-C, down 1.9 percentage points from last summer in the biggest drop in history.

Maths saw an opposite result, with 62.4 per cent of entries gaining an A*-C grade, up a massive 4.8 percentage points on 2013.

Exam chiefs suggested that the changes in results were down to recent education reforms, including removing speaking and listening from final English grades.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

YES, celebrity biopics seem to be all the rage at the moment. And ITV's tribute to the late Tommy Cooper was one of the most poignant and moving things on television this year. But the Cilla Black story? Really, really, isn't that just stretching things a little bit too far?

As far as I'm concerned, the Cilla Black story essentially boils down to this: made a noise like a strangled cat for a few years, then went on to spend the 1980s presenting two of the most dreadful, cringe-making programmes ever to appear on our television screens.

If that's what they call 'original, quality drama', then I must be Twigg.

INCIDENTALLY, Cilla says she knows Sir Cliff Richard is innocent of an allegation of sex abuse, because she 'has known him for a million years'.

Well, I knew they were both knocking on a bit, but I have to say that came as a little bit of a surprise.

THE NHS, provider of free medical care from cradle to grave. Unless it's dentistry, it seems. During my last visit to an NHS dentist, I was told that I needed a crown. And that it would cost £290.

How much? When they said the NHS was 'free at the point of delivery', I thought they meant free of charge. Not three-hundred quid.

TRYING to drum up support for the by-election for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner last week, a leaflet came through the door bearing the words: "The criminals of the West Midlands will be hoping you stay at home on August 21."

Yes, it's a lovely sentiment, democracy, power to the people and all that. But cynical Black Country man that I am, I can't help but thinking that many of the criminals of the West Midlands were hoping that people would go out and vote on Thursday. So they could burgle their homes while they were out.

WHAT would you say is the biggest problem gripping Europe at the moment? The crisis in the Ukraine? Or what about the barbaric activities in Iraq and Syria? Nah, the European Union has immediately grasped the number one threat facing us all. From September 1, there will be a ban on the manufacture or importation of all vacuum cleaners with motors more powerful than 1,600 watts.

Apparently, it is about saving the environment. Although I doubt it will do much for the environment of the houses which are now being forced to use puny vacuum cleaners.

Still, those Eurocrats, they know what they're talking about. Wouldn't want their maids getting ideas above their station, would they?



Author Steve Watson, from Stourbridge



A poster advertising the film to be launched next week



The film stars Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman

Stuff of dreams as story comes to life

Hollywood's depiction of a debut novel has excited its Black Country writer, as he tells **ADAM BURLING**

HIS debut novel has been translated into more than 30 languages and spent a year on the bestseller list – and now the star-studded film adaptation is about to hit cinemas across the country.

It's the stuff of dreams for most budding writers – and Steve Watson admits he has to pinch himself 'almost every day'.

The author, from Stourbridge, wrote *Before I Go To Sleep* while working as an audiology specialist at St Thomas' Hospital in London.

It went on to become one of 2010's best-selling novels – and had film makers battling it out for the rights.

Now the finished article, starring Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth, is being released in UK cinemas on September 5.

And Mr Watson is watching from afar as the tale he spent years working becomes the talking point of the movie industry.

He says: "I've seen it about nine times now and I'm just as excited as anyone else. It feels like somebody else's project now and I can just enjoy the excitement around the film."

"It's wonderful to see everyone is so enthusiastic about it, but it does feel like it isn't anything to do with me, which I think in a way is a good thing."

Mr Watson, a former pupil at The Wordsley School and King Edward VI Sixth Form College in Stourbridge, wrote the novel under the name SJ Watson.

He has given the film his blessing and spent a number of days on set in London during filming. And he admits he was relieved that, despite a few changes to the



Oscar winning Nichole Kidman who stars in *Before I Go To Sleep*

plot, the film has remained faithful to his novel. "I am very lucky as the film is great – it's everything I could have wished for and more," he says.

"I'm a huge fan of the old-fashioned thrillers where it's not all based on technology but it's more about the central performances, and that's what this is like."

"It is in the tradition of Hitchcock and film noir."

Kidman and Firth are joined by Mark Strong, playing Dr Nash, and Anne-Marie Duff. The movie is directed by

Rowan Joffe, who wrote the screenplay for *28 Weeks Later*.

Mr Watson started writing the book as a hobby while working as an audiology specialist in London.

Kidman plays Christine Lucas, who wakes up to find she does not recognise her life, while Firth plays her husband Ben. Each day Christine wakes up and remembers nothing about her life.

But as she becomes involved with Dr Edmund Nash, she is led on a journey to find out what has happened to her. For someone who wrote the story dur-

ing a sabbatical from work, Mr Watson says it is difficult to come to terms with seeing a star like Kidman get 'under the skin' of a character he created.

He says: "She knows Christine better than me now."

"There is one scene – it's near the end of the film so I won't give it away – and the first time I saw it, I was just watching all the nuances that I could imagine when I originally wrote it reflected in her face."

"She is a great actor and has completely made the role her own."

Now living in London, he is finishing his follow-up novel *Second Life*, which is due for release in February.

He says it is another psychological thriller centred around 'obsession, addiction and grief', telling the story of a woman who becomes obsessed with finding out why her sister was violently killed – taking her to 'some dark places'.

Though he felt plenty of pressure to match the success of *Before I Go To Sleep*, he realised he needed to write what came naturally to him, rather than 'cynically trying to come up with something popular'.

"The first book was such a phenomenon that the new one could do very well and still be judged a failure in comparison," he admits.

"It is important to have the confidence to write what comes from deep within – it's what I've done so far and it's got me here."

When his debut novel was released, Mr Watson says he had not decided whether to return to his day job. But he is now coming to terms with life as a full-time writer and says he feels 'incredibly fortunate' to have ended up doing what he loves for a living.

Kidman, who undertook extensive research for her role, said: "I watched a number of documentaries where people do have this psychogenic amnesia."

"The idea of actually having this is horrifying. Someone described it as like losing their soul."

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

IT was disheartening to see the war of words between Tory MP Chris Kelly and Labour councillor Pete Lowe over the Black Country flag.

Mr Kelly reckons organisers of the hugely-successful Black Country Festival should have sourced them locally, or at least in the UK, rather than from Taiwan. Councillor Lowe, standing as Parliamentary candidate in Stourbridge next year, makes the valid point that there was not a lot of time to get so many flags and that we happened to see them flown all over the world in the run-up to and after the festival.

But then he slightly spoils it by saying: "Why a millionaire Tory would want to try and pick fault with the best community-led festival in years is beyond me."

That's a bit of a cheap shot. An MP is entitled to his opinion whether he's wealthy or not. And it is nothing to do with which political party he's from either. Labour MPs such as Warley's John Spellar have championed producing things in Britain too.

I don't agree with Mr Kelly's point, although I can see where he's coming from. After all, when we're flying the flag for an area that's proud of making things, it's ironic that it carries a label saying it's made in Taiwan.

However, he is probably nit-picking unnecessarily when you consider just how good the festival was and what it's done for pride in where we're from and what we've achieved.

But one of the best things about it was how it was a real community effort backed by councillors of all parties in all boroughs. This was an event all about celebrating our common ground. What a shame it's been used as a political football.

One thing I'd like to see the new police and crime commissioner for the West Midlands David Jamieson to do is lobby the Home Office for a change in the legislation on what happens when a 'vacancy' occurs.

I use the quote marks because that's a rather clinical and unfeeling way of describing the death of an incumbent. Bob Jones had only passed away a few hours before councillors were forced to discuss the process for a by-election owing to a rule within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act that required it be held within 35 days.

That left us in the situation of people going to the polls in August when a lot of people are away. Those who were around to vote weren't interested in doing so. A little more time to plan the election, spread the word, hold public meetings and explain what the role is even for might have made a difference.

As it stands the Government will be able to shrug off the poor turnout as being the time of year, rather than a sign that, two years on people still don't really know what the PCC role is all about.

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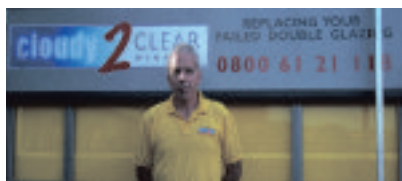
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Researching names on Great War plaque

WITH the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, I am researching eight young men named on the memorial plaque in Trinity Methodist Chapel (formally known as the Wesleyan) in Church Road, Nether-ton, Dudley.

I hope to be able to create a record of these boys, who they were, where they lived, what their occupations were, etc, and where they gave their lives.

The names are: Frederick W Carpenter, Rev William Dimmock, James Green, Bert Grove, Solomon Hale, Joseph Priest, Sam-

uel J Ward and William Ward. I have found information from the CWG website and also from censuses for some of them, others no definite connections and some two or three possibilities for the same name, so I am appealing to your readership for information about any of them and would especially like to hear from any descendants.

I can be contacted by email on jonesg6@blueyonder.co.uk or by phone on 01384 837281.

Thanking all respondents in advance.
G JONES, Kingswinford

How to cut car crashes

IT seems almost daily now that news of a vehicle crashing into a stationary building is reported.

Having seen so many reasons for accidents happening which are really laughable, I would love to see the excuses given for these new accidents.

In reality though, seeing some of the photographs, it would appear that the majority have been due to speed and lack of control of the vehicles involved.

After all, the buildings concerned cannot have suddenly jumped out in front of the vehicles.

Perhaps it is now time that all road vehicles be equipped with black boxes in order to see what really happened.

After all, the insurance claims are costing each and every one of us dearly.

L HALES
Cradley Heath

The hazards of parking

I HAD reason to visit Castle Grove, Oldswinford, and the cars parked were seriously blocking the road.

I drive a small car and could hardly pass so heaven help an ambulance or fire engine. Are these people so unaware of the problem they are causing, day-in day-out, or are they just too idle to park further away and walk? A simple remedy is to ban parking between 1pm and 2pm so avoiding all-day parking. I am sure a traffic warden would see these vehicles as a hazard.

C WILLIAMS
Brierley Hill

A memorial to entertainment

THE chances of Dudley Hippodrome reopening one day are nil was the conclusion of a meeting held to discuss the future of the old theatre. It has stood empty since the bingo club closed.

Asbestos in the building has to be removed before any reopening. The cost to do this is an expensive operation. Where the cash to do this would come from is a problem. So the old theatre looks to stand empty as a memorial to variety entertainment.

NORMAN ROBINS
Brierley Hill

Repeat dose

IT is bad enough that we have to have so many repeats on television but now we are getting them the very next day! Having enjoyed a programme on a Sunday night I found it is on again on Monday night.

Harry Hill used to be on Saturday and Sunday, just a repeat from the day before. Match of the Day is on Saturday nights and again on Sunday morning. There are many more. Economy is one thing, taking paying customers for fools is another.

J JAMES
Wordsley

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At the very least the brewery should be meeting with local councillors and residents to explain its plans, but more importantly, to listen to their views and consider alternative options.

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Doris and William Grainger celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary

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The diamond couple met at the Bluebrick in Brierley Hill and hit it off straight away.

More than 60 years on, Doris is now living in a care home as she has Alzheimers, but her doting husband visits every day.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with a small party at the Victoria Lodge Care Home before continuing the party at their daughter's house.

Christine Taylor said: "The care home organised a little family party for them at the home and then I took them back to mine where we had more of the family round."

"My mum loved a party and she was always the life and soul of the party."

Mr Grainger said: "We always used to spend so much time together. We would do absolutely everything together."

"Whether Doris wanted to go shopping or whatever, we would always do it together."

"I think that is our secret to being together for so long. I still go and see her in the home every single day."

The pair got married at Dudley Registry Office on July 31, 1954, and had two children, Christine, 56, and Terry, who is 54.

The couple also have three grandchildren, Emma, 34, Stephen, 32 and Terry, 28, as well as two-year-old Oliver, who is their one great-grandchild.

Mr Grainger, who is 88, said he has fond memories of their lives together.

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Doris and William on their big day

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Early hours row led to a revenge attack

Novel crime fighting move



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They are visiting borough libraries to pass on tips. It includes advice about home and personal safety and the importance of security marking property.

They will also be encouraging people to sign up to be members of

about those residents who choose to take advantage of Dudley's mobile library service, as crime tips will accompany the latest autobiography or so-called 'chick lit' delivered to the doorstep.

Crime prevention leaflets are handed out during home visits.

A SHORT tempered Dudley man took revenge when a neighbour complained about the noise from him arguing with his girlfriend, a court was told.

Shane Lewis grabbed an eight inch kitchen knife and a long piece of wood which he used to smash two windows at the home of the complainant, said Mr Gurdeep Garcha, prosecuting at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Trouble flared when the neighbour started banging the wall to protest as the 22-year-old and his girlfriend shouted at each other in the early hours, Mr Garcha told the court.

Soon afterwards the man saw Lewis outside his home armed with the knife and feared for his life, the court heard.

Mr Garcha added the windows were broken after the complainant declined a request to 'come outside.' at 3.40am on October 4.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, claimed Lewis was a changed man since the incident. He told the court: "At the time of these offences he was drunk and emotional after a fall out with his girlfriend

"He is now making determined efforts to lead a crime free life and has become a sober and sensible young man."

Lewis of Clarence Street, Upper Gornal admitted criminal damage and possessing a bladed article and received a nine month jail term suspended for two years with 150 hours unpaid work.

Recorder Geoffrey Kelly told Lewis: "This neighbour was minding his own business trying to get some sleep but they could not because of your arguing.

"Not surprisingly he had reached the end of his tether and he banged on the walls.

"But you then got the knife and you smashed his windows.

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Powers against terrorists must be used unflinchingly

THE WAY I SEE IT

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



'If we do not act to stem the onslaught of this exceptionally dangerous terrorist movement, it will only grow stronger'

I was appalled to learn of the murder of James Foley by a British jihadist.

Like all decent people I condemn the barbaric and brutal act that has taken place.

We should be clear what this act is — it is an act of murder, and murder without any justification.

The individual responsible has not been identified but it looks increasingly likely that it is a British citizen.

The creation of an extremist caliphate in the heart of Iraq and extending into Syria is not a problem miles away from home.

If we do not act to stem the onslaught of this exceptionally dangerous terrorist movement, it will only grow stronger until it can target us on the streets of Britain.

Efforts

But as the Prime Minister has made clear, the UK is not going to put boots on the ground in Iraq in a combat role.

The Government is already taking action to address the threat that British nationals in extremist organisations pose to national security, including policies aimed at deterring people at risk of radicalisation.

It must redouble its efforts to stop people from going.

There have been reports that there may be Britons who have been fighting in Iraq and Syria that have returned to Britain.

One British citizen who has travelled to Iraq or Syria to take part in extremism and violence is one too

many.

The police and security services are actively working to detect and disrupt terrorist threats.

People seeking to travel to engage in terrorist activity in Syria or Iraq should be in no doubt that the UK will take the strongest possible action to protect our national security, including prosecuting those who break the law.

The UK has a range of capabilities in our intelligence and security agencies to track and monitor people who may be involved in extremist organisations.

This Government recently introduced stronger powers through to deprive naturalised Britons of their

citizenship if they are suspected of being involved in terrorist activities and we have taken down 28,000 pieces of terrorist-related material from the internet.

Here in the UK we have wide ranging powers at our disposal to disrupt travel and manage the risk posed by returnees. We must use them unflinchingly.

Dire

Radicalisation and extremism is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges of our time.

At the same time Britain continues to focus on the humanitarian relief effort in Iraq.

The Government has committed a total of £13 million

in assistance and the seven air drops for those trapped on Mount Sinjar have provided over 80 tonnes of aid, including 9,420 water purification containers, 1,056 solar lanterns, and 1,008 shelter kits.

We cannot forget those in such dire need.

Support

I'm pleased that the Prime Minister has announced more support for families — including a new 'family test' for policies, more investment in relationship support, and an expanded Troubled Families programme.

Supporting families helps secure a brighter future for children in Britain. So it's absolutely right that Government should do everything possible to help support and strengthen family life.

The Government's measures are focused on helping new parents, supporting couples to stay together and addressing the underlying causes of family breakdown, alongside a new commitment that will ensure promoting family life is placed at the heart of Government decision-making.

Put simply, that means every single domestic policy that Government comes up with will be examined for its impact on the family.

I want to make sure that all families in Dudley and the Black Country — whatever they look like — have all the support they need to thrive and secure a better future for themselves.

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Attack sparked by rude joke

A 21-YEAR-OLD hit a friend in the face with a bottle after failing to see the funny side of a rude joke, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard was told.

James Whitehouse lashed out at the Chicago club, Stourbridge, after Lewis Gormley took a swig from his bottle of beer on March 22. Mr David Lees, defending, said: "The bottle was returned to him by Mr Gormley who made a comment in fun which the defendant did not find amusing. There was a brief scuffle between the two men."

The bottle had not broken and the victim had a small cut to the face treated at hospital. Mr Nigel Stelling, defending, said: "He understands the gravity of what he did that night." Whitehouse, of Abberton Close, Halesowen, had no previous convictions. He admitted wounding and was given a 12 month community order.

Internet Fast & Furious 6 pirate cost industry £2.3m

By John Scott

A DUDLEY-BORN film pirate cost Universal Pictures an estimated £2.3 million by being the first person to pirate a copy of their blockbuster film Fast & Furious 6.

Philip Danks last week started a two-year and nine-month jail sentence after he secretly took a video of the movie at the Showcase Cinema, Walsall, on May 17 last year – the day it was released in the UK before

being shown anywhere else in the world.

He uploaded it onto the internet via his personal website Bit Buddy the following day after converting the pirated cam-corder version into a digital copy.

That copy – which carried his tell-tale 'tag' Thecod3r – was then downloaded free of charge by around 779,000 people in the next four weeks, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. Mr Ari Alibhai,

prosecuting for the Federation Against Copyright Theft, said: "The estimated loss to the industry is conservatively estimated at £2.3m."

Danks, aged 25, of Livingstone Road, Bloxwich, made just £1,000 from selling versions of his copy. He later bragged on his Facebook page: 'Seven billion people and I was the first.' Mr Christopher Loach, defending, said: "He has no substantial assets of any sort and his financial gain has been extremely limited."

Danks admitted three charges of distributing pirate copies.



Philip Danks

A support slot coup for band

AN UP-AND-COMING Black Country band have scooped a support slot with one of their biggest influences.

Kaleidoscopes, who are made up of Ste Allen, aged 21, who plays guitar and sings, Dan Beroow, 19, bass, and Josh Lloyd, drums, who is 20, will be supporting Texas-based indie-rockers Ringo Deathstarr at the Hare and Hounds, Birmingham, tomorrow (Friday).

The band, whose member hail from Gornal, Coseley and Dudley, have been making waves in the local scene since 2012 and are set to release an EP next year.

Tickets cost £7.70 and can be bought from www.hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk. For more information about the band, visit www.facebook.com/KaleidoscopesUK or follow them at @KaleidoscopesUK.

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PEOPLE are being invited to abseil down Dudley Castle for a good cause.

The Beacon Centre for the Blind, Sedgley is looking for people to abseil from the 70ft structure on September 28 to raise funds.

Kelly Vickers, fundraising and events officer at TheBeacon, said: "We're always looking for fun and different ways to raise money for the charity and we're sure this daunting challenge will be successful."

"Abseiling is an exhilarating activity to take part in and we're offering five timeslots during the day to ensure everyone who is keen to take part has the chance."

Amongst those taking part will be three women from Wolverhampton's Connect PR agency.

Account director Caroline Garbett, junior account executive Kate

Sanders and finance manager Jackie Winfield will take a day off from managing the charity's publicity to scale the walls of the 10th Century castle.

Caroline said: "Connect started working withBeacon almost a year ago and, in that time, we have been inspired by the way the charity transforms the day-to-day lives of local people."

"Abseiling from Dudley Castle will be a real leap of faith for us, but we are excited to be helping raise awareness of Beacon and support its fundraising activity."

There are five time slots available with volunteers asked to raise at least £75 sponsorship and pay £10 to register.

A booking form can be downloaded from www.beacon4blind.co.uk or call 01902 880111.



Kate Sanders, Jackie Winfield and Caroline Garbett are ready to abseil

Chance for visitors to get closer to sun

A beauty spot will be offering visitors the chance to get a closer look at the sun.

The National Trust's Clent Hills is teaming up with Birmingham Astronomical Society to host the event on September 6.

Visitors will have the chance to use high quality telescopes and explore the surface of the sun. Members of the Astronomical Society will be on hand to answer questions and tell people more about our nearest star. They will also be teaching visitors how to tell the time by looking at the position of the sun and how to look at the sun safely.

As the sun sets visitors can take the opportunity to enjoy a picnic at the top of the hill, taking in the panoramic views stretching from Birmingham, across the Black Country and into Worcestershire.

Once it gets dark, the telescopes will be out again enabling visitors to explore the night sky with an evening of stargazing. The event will run from 4pm until 10pm.

There is no need to book a place at the event. There is a £2.50 fee for car parking for non-NT members.

Be-spoke bicycle hub is a wheel hi-tech site

A be-spoke cycle park featuring the latest technology has opened at Stourbridge Junction railway station.

The sleek, glass and steel structure provides weather-proof storage for up to 30 bicycles.

It is accessible 24 hours a day and features a swipe card activated door along with internal and external CCTV cameras to help keep bikes secure.

Cyclists will be able to register to use the hub and will be issued with a card.

The project has been part funded by £30,000 secured by train operator London Midland from the Association of Train Operating Companies' (ATOC) Cycle-Rail fund.

Councillor Roger Horton, from Centro, said: "Facilities like these are much needed if we are to make it easier for people to connect their rail journeys with cycling trips."

"We all know that the roads in the West Midlands can be very congested and it is projects like this that can give people genuine options about the way they travel."

Selly Oak Cycle Hub, opened in March by Transport Minister Baroness Kramer, was the first to be installed in the region and picked up two industry awards within weeks of opening.

Work is already under-way to install further hubs at Rowley Regis and Longbridge stations.

Centro is also working with Birmingham City Council to identify other possible venues in the city as part of the council's Cycle

By Heather Large

Revolution project.

Brenda Lawrence, London Midland's head of route for Snow Hill lines said: "This is a fantastic facility and I'm really pleased we were able to secure funding towards its development."

"We are committed to working with Centro to improve cycle facilities at our stations to make leisure travel and commuting even easier."

The park was built in the Midlands by Broxap Ltd of Stoke on Trent and stands at around 11ft tall with a distinctive wave-style roof.

Cyclists wishing to use the hub can register at www.networkwestmidlands.com.

Members will be asked to provide a £20 deposit on registering which will be returned in full if they choose to leave the scheme.

Conrad Haigh, ATOC's head of integrated transport, added: "This is just one of more than 350 cycle improvements at stations being funded via the Cycle Rail Working Group, making it more convenient to make cycle-rail journeys."

Walkers wanted to help raise cash

A charity which seeks to prevent suicide among the young is appealing for people in the West Midlands to organise sponsored walks this autumn.

Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide is asking for volunteers to help organise events in their own area as part of its nationl Hopewalk programme held on World Mental Health Awareness Day on October 10.

The charity held the event for the first time last year, with hundreds of volunteers donning trainers and walking boots to raise awareness that there is help for young people struggling with life.

This year the charity is hoping to get people from the West Midlands on board as it aims to double the number of walks taking place.

Papyrus fundraising manager Aanika Dhillonurged people to take part.

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VOLUNTEERS have been lending a hand to spruce up the grounds of a Stourbridge charity.

Eight workers from Eaton Corporation in Brierley Hill swapped their pens for shovels and rakes to clear an overgrown area of paths and shrubbery.

They were tackling the five acres of grounds surrounding the Pocklington Trust building, off Hagley Road.

The group is part of a 270-strong workforce manufacturing interior and

exterior trim for some of the world's leading car makers.

One of the Eaton volunteers, Dale Webb, said: "The Eaton plant is officially on shut down but giving up a day to aid the great work the Thomas Pocklington Trust does was something we all agreed to do without persuasion."

"It's also been a great team-building exercise for the eight of us outside of our usual working environment. We will certainly encourage more of our work colleagues to volunteer their

time in the future." The Thomas Pocklington Trust offers people with sight loss an opportunity to make new friends in a friendly and supportive environment.

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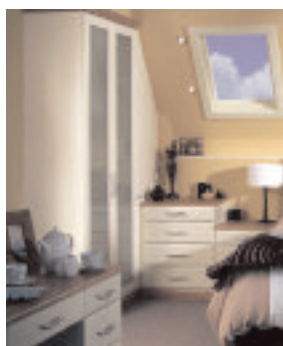
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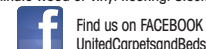
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Mr Haden-Best in an unknown location - sometime between 1898 and 1903



Emily Bryant seen sitting on a fence in a field



Mr Haden-Best pictured in his finery on a day out in the countryside with friends



Haden Hill House, Cradley Heath, as it looks today



Visitor services officer Alison Hyatt with one of the pictures

Illustrious family's Victorian snapshots

RELAXING in the sun, having a picnic in the garden and holidaying by a river - these are the candid personal photos of one of the Black Country's most illustrious families.

The remarkable pictures were unearthed by a collector who bought a box full of original glass plates with 'Haden Hill' written on them at an auction in Leominster.

The adopted daughters of George Alfred Haden-Best, who built the stately home Haden Hill House in Cradley Heath, are the main focus of the photographs, but Mr Haden-Best himself can be seen in some of the shots.

Alice Cockin and Emily Bryant can be seen on holiday, beside lakes, on rolling hills, as well as at home. The pictures offer a fascinating insight into the life and times of the rich Victorian family.

An exhibition, called Forgotten

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Moments, has been set up at the stately home, which now acts as the Haden Hill House Museum after the Haden Hill Historical Society successfully bid in the region of £700 for the collection on auction site eBay.

Alison Hyatt, visitor services officer, said: "The pictures are fascinating, and very important for us."

"It's really interesting to see these pictures with them being so informal, it shows that they spent a lot of their time doing the same things that we did, such as having picnics, spending time with their family and that sort of thing."

"We think the pictures were taken somewhere around the late 1800s or early 1900s."

Jane Hanney, museum services manager at Sandwell Council, said: "These are unique images as we have so few photographs of Mr Haden Best and his family but to

see them in deck chairs and by the seaside is just amazing."

Mr Haden-Best's family owned the area around the house for hundreds of years, and he inherited the estate in 1877. He built Haden Hill House in 1878 and lived in it with the two girls, who were daughters of local families, and his aunt, Mrs Barrs, who the road the house sits on is named after.

In his later life, he was a businessman, earning money from rent on properties he owned in the area, and also from stocks and shares he owned, including some in the Great Western Railway company. He was also given £55,000 compensation, equivalent to millions of pounds in today's money, by a mining company who wanted to mine under some of his land.

The girls had an upper-class lifestyle, and while Alice married, Emily stayed with Mr Hayden-Best until his death in 1921. The house is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 5pm and weekends from 2-6pm. For details visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/museums



Alice and John Shaw outside Haden Hall - part of the exhibition

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Black Country flags row made in Taiwan

A MP has come under fire for arguing that Black Country flags should have been sourced from a Midlands manufacturer rather than be made in Taiwan.

Thousands of people attended events marking Black Country Day last month after campaigners organised a festival of themed events.

The distinctive red and black flag, designed by schoolgirl Gracie Sheppard, was selected as the area's own flag and is now recognised by the Government. People rushed to buy the flags in the build up to July 14 with stores selling out due to high demand.

But Black Country Festival organisers sourced flags for the day from a Taiwan manufacturer more than 6,000 miles away.

Festival founder Gaz Sawers said he had been unable to find a Midlands manufacturer to supply the flags in bulk for the big day. He said one quote was £75 per flag for larger versions.

But Dudley South MP Chris Kelly caused a storm after saying that the flags should have been made by a local firm or from a UK manufacturer.

"Black Country Day was first held last year and they have had 12 months to source a local supplier," he said. "There's been plenty of time to source a local Black Country supplier, or at least one in the UK, and it's a great pity that could not be done."

"Maybe those who wrapped themselves in the flag for their own political gain could have sourced a more local supply."

Mr Sawers, known as Black Country Gaz, performed during the festival, and said: "We tried our very best, but just could not find anyone locally. If someone had come forward then great. We had to find somewhere that could



Flying the flag comedienne Emma Rollason, Jim Thomas and Steve

do them for a price people could pay."

But Councillor Pete Lowe, Dudley Council's deputy leader who helped establish the Black Country Festival, condemned the MP's comments. "They tried to source them locally, but no-one could provide the amount required within the timescale. After all

we had thousands on display throughout the world.

"Why a millionaire Tory would want to try and pick fault with the best community-led festival in years is beyond me. I'm proud of what our community did and advise them to ignore the detractors."

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Former Genesis star for Symphony

PROG legend Steve Hackett is returning to the West Midlands with his Genesis Extended Tour.

He will play Birmingham's Symphony Hall on November 4, giving fans one last chance to catch a whole set entirely from the Genesis catalogue.

Hackett has recently taken part in the forthcoming BBC documentary Genesis: Together And Apart, which saw the original line-up of Genesis reunite for the first time since 1975. The show is due for transmission and release later this year.

He will kick off his Genesis Extended UK Tour on October 21. It will feature a selection of classics, some of which he could not include on the Genesis Revisited tours.

Theatres have a packed diary

AN eclectic autumn programme of entertainment is in store at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre and Stafford's Gatehouse Theatre.

The Gatehouse will welcome on Monday The Stray Birds, a bluegrass trio.

It will be followed on September 16 by a production of A Streetcar Named Desire, which will be beamed live from the National Theatre. Classical violinist Nicola Benedetti plays live on September 19.

The Garrick will showcase four local bands on September 5. Ceri Dupree will feature in Fit For a Queen on September 6 and Joe Brown will headline a rock'n'roll evening on September 7.

Icons of rock and pop will line up for LG Arena and NIA

Mission to wow audience

A HEADLINE show from goth rocker Wayne Hussey will be among the highlights of an autumn series of gigs at Bilston's Robin 2.

The star is playing a solo show on September 22.

He said: "I daresay I will have some new songs to play along with solo versions of some well known and lesser known Mission songs and the occasional cover version. Sing-a-longs guaranteed."

International metal package Cryptosy, Disgorge and Jungle Rot line up on Monday.

Taz Taylor Band will headline on September 2. UK blues rock star, Danny Bryant will play on September 3 before a headline show from Martin Barre, who is best known as the guitarist from Jethro Tull.

Ex-White Lion and Freak Of Nature star Mike Tramp will line-up for a solo acoustic show on September 11 while Stackridge will follow on September 11.



Wayne Hussey of The Mission will be performing in Bilston on September 22

SOME of the biggest names in rock will visit the Midlands to play iconic tunes at the region's largest venues.

Madness, Kasabian, Ed Sheeran and Paolo Nutini are among the A-listers with gigs at Birmingham's LG Arena before Christmas. The Saturdays, Kylie, Lady Gaga, James Blunt, The Who and Chris Rea will line up at the NIA.

The LG Arena's autumn programme will start on September 26 with a headline gig from 70s troubadour James Taylor. Il Divo will follow on October 18 and the record-breaking classical crossover group will bring A Musical Affair: The Greatest Songs Of Broadway Live. Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling, singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran will star on October 19 and 20, with support from Saint Raymond.

A galaxy of blues bands will star in The Big Reunion Boy Band Tour on October 21 and among the acts confirmed are Five, Blue, 911, Gareth Gates, Dane Bowers, Adam Rickitt, Kavana and Kenzie.

Rockers Black Stone Cherry will play on October 30, hot on the heels of their sold-out-in-a-day Southern Hospitality dates in February.

Paolo Nutini will feature on November 5 before a headline concert from Bryan Adams on November 19 and a performance from



Ed Sheeran

Kasabian on November 22. Ambient rock pioneer Peter Dinklage will play on November 28. The LG will welcome rock legend Slash on December 1, opera singer Alfie Boe on December 11 and Madness on December 13.

The NIA will welcome The Saturdays on September 15. The Vamps will line up on October 5 before a headline performance from Kylie on October 7. Caro Emerald will star on October 11.

Other highlights include Lady Gaga on October 15, James on November 22, and The Who on December 7.

Feast of folk on show at festival

A FEAST of folk is in store this weekend when The Waterboys, Johnny Marr, Richard Thompson and Sonic Youth mainman Thurston Moore line up at Moseley Folk Festival, Birmingham.

Friday will feature headliner Marr with supporting slots from Jimi Goodwin, Moore, Samantha Crain, Martha Tilston and The Scientists and Lisa O'Neill.

Headliner on Saturday will be Thompson with support from The Felice Brothers, Stealing Sheep with Brass Band, Woods, Boat To Row, Arc Iris and The Rails. Sunday's headliner will be The Waterboys with support from Lau, Marissa Nadler, The Old Dance School, Lisa Knapp, Miles Hunt & Erica Nockalls and Tom Hickox.

Group to ride in for date at Civic

NUMBER one indie combo Bombay Bicycle Club will headline Wolverhampton's Civic Hall when they hit the road for their biggest UK tour to date.

The band, flush from the success of this year's number one album So Long, See You Tomorrow, will play the venue on December 10.

So Long, See You Tomorrow, captured the results of singer Jack Steadman's picaresque adventures in of Turkey and India in 2013.

Its electronic-inflected and Bollywood-referencing sound made good on the Eastern promise, as it went straight to Number 1 in the album charts in February, reaching silver status in record time.

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CHOICE



The X Factor (ITV, 8.00pm)
New series. The talent extravaganza returns for its 11th series with some important changes – Simon Cowell is back on the panel for the first time since 2010, former guest judge Mel B takes a permanent role on the show and Cheryl Cole has also signed up, but she's now Cheryl Fernandez-Versini following her whirlwind wedding in July. Show stalwart Louis Walsh completes the line-up as the experts search for the nation's next singing sensation. As last year, there's an X Factor double bill every week from the beginning, kicking off with the popular closed-room auditions. The minimum age for acts has now also been lowered to 14, creating more opportunities for all the budding Justin Bieberos out there. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 Youth Olympic Games Highlights. Highlights from Nanjing, China. 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News: Regional News. 5.30 Pointless Celebrities.
6.15 Tumble. Alex Jones presents as the remaining celebrities and their professional partners perform rhythmic gymnastic and trampoline routines. They're hoping to impress the judging panel of Louis Smith, Nadia Comaneci, Craig Heap and Sebastian Stella and win a place in the semi-final.
7.30 Doctor Who. The Time Lord crosses swords with his arch-enemies again when he tries to help a rebel space ship surrounded by a Dalek fleet. Sci-fi adventure, starring Peter Capaldi.
8.15 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants answer two-part questions for the chance to play for the money in the safe. A mum and daughter, two firefighters and a couple compete for the chance to prove they have the split-second timing required to win the jackpot. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Gabby Roslin, who also looks at the finalists in the Heritage category of next month's National Lottery Awards. Last in the series.
9.10 Casualty. Jeff finds out Samantha has been keeping a secret from him, forcing him to rethink his feelings. Max helps a young couple stand up to their families and Charlie returns to work.
10.00 BBC News. Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Chelsea at Goodison Park and Burnley v Manchester United at Turf Moor, National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Fulham v Cardiff City.
1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Odette. (1950) 7.50 Film: Stage Struck (1991) 9.25 The Living Planet. (R) 10.20 The Living Planet. (R) 11.15 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 11.45 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 12.15 Live Rowing. The World Championships. 2.15 Talking Pictures. (R) 3.00 Film: The Man in the White Suit. (1951) Satirical Ealing comedy, starring Alec Guinness. 4.20 Coast. 5.00 Natural World: Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs. (R) 6.00 **Flog It!** Experts Michael Baggot and Will Axon pick their way through collectibles brought into the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, including a ghoulish object that could put bidders off at auction. Presenter Paul Martin visits Chatsworth House where he examines the life of Georgiana, the notorious fifth Duchess of Devonshire.
7.00 Proms Extra 2014. Katie Derham presents the weekly magazine show, with the spotlight on performances of Elgar's Cello Concerto, Stravinsky's Petrushka and Ravel's Bolero.
7.45 Dad's Army. Jones buys black-market pigeons from wheeler-dealer Walker – but is horrified to discover the birds were taken from Trafalgar Square. (R)
8.15 Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings. Part two of two. Joann Fletcher examines the Ancient Egyptian attitude to death, looking at why they spent a fortune preparing for it and what they hoped to find in the afterlife. (R)
9.15 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation. The life of poet Hugh MacDiarmid, a staunch nationalist who reinvented Scots as a language for serious writing and was for many years under surveillance by MI5.
10.15 QI XL. Rob Brydon, Phill Jupitus, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies try to come up with interesting answers to Stephen Fry's questions about journeys, in an extended version of the quiz. (R)
11.00 TOTP2. A selection of archive performances, including Wham!, Supermart, the Jacksons, ELO, Hot Chocolate, the Lightning Seeds with Baddiel & Skinner, and Emeli Sande. (R)
12.00 Film: Marnie. (1964) 2.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.15 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Animals. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.10 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.25 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.55 Chowder. (R) 8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Saliors. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes. (2000) 1.25 Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 2.25 Weekend Estates with Warwick Davis. (R) 3.00 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 4.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) 4.55 Film: King Ralph. (1991) Comedy, starring John Goodman.
6.45 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.55 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. New series. Fern Britton, Matthew Hoggard, Michelle Mone and Neil Morrissey try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting the experts. Bradley Walsh hosts.
8.00 The X Factor. New series. The auditions begin as the hopefuls perform for Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh, maintaining his record of having appeared in every series.
9.25 Through the Keyhole. New series. Last year, Keith Lemon snooped around the homes of stars as varied as Mary Berry, Joey Essex, Amir Khan and John Prescott, inviting panelists to guess their identities. Returning for a second series of the revived game show, he welcomes chat-show host Jonathan Ross, TV presenter Ruth Langsford and comedian Alan Carr to the studio. Using clues highlighted along Keith's tour of each home, and with the help of the audience, the guests try to work out which famous faces have handed over their house keys to the Celebrity Juice funnyman.
10.30 ITV News: Weather.
10.45 Film: Parenthood. (1989) An anxious family man struggles to be a better parent to his three children than his own father was to him. Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin, Keanu Reeves, Jason Roberts, Dianne Wiest, Tom Hulse, Rick Moranis and Mary Steenburgen.
1.00 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.50 Frasier. (R) 10.20 Frasier. (R) 10.50 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.15 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.05 The Simpsons. (R) 1.10 Gadget Man. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Chester and Beverley. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. Care worker Jane Arnold hosts the final dinner party in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and her bedroom antics raise a few eyebrows before the winner is announced. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money. A Sheffield couple encounter problems with an extension before the foundations are even laid, and a bungalow in Radlett, Hertfordshire, is adapted for a man with multiple sclerosis. (R)
8.05 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets dairy farmer Andrew Ainslie and his artist wife Meryl in Marlborough, Wiltshire. Their current house is separate from their land, so they want to build a new home close to their 200-head herd of cattle. The project involves constructing an ultra-modern barn-like building from engineered timber, with a barrel-shaped zinc roof, which will combine functionality with high-finish craftsmanship. (R)
9.10 Film: Lockout. (2012) Premiere. A government agent is framed for murder, and sentenced to a prison on board a space station. Before he can be sent there, a riot takes place in the penitentiary and the convicts stage control, holding the president's daughter hostage. The condemned man is offered a pardon if he can rescue her. Sci-fi thriller, starring Guy Pearce.
11.00 Film: The Accused. (1988) A waitress vows to bring to justice the bystanders who did nothing to intervene when she was raped in a bar. Drama, starring an Oscar-winning Jodie Foster.
1.05 Sean Lock: Lockpicking Live. (R) 2.00 The Last Leg. (R) 2.45 Homeland. (R) 3.40 Hollyoaks. 5.45 Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.10 Film: The Burning Hills. (1956) Western, starring Tab Hunter. 2.00 Film: Guns of the Magnificent Seven. (1969) 4.05 Film: Rio Bravo. (1959) Western, with John Wayne and Dean Martin.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third match of the five-game one-day series, which took place at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. The nations last met here in this form of the game a decade ago, in a match that saw fast-bowler Steve Harrison claim a hat-trick as India faltered to 170 all out, while Vikram Solanki scored 52 to help the hosts to a seven-wicket victory.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Burned Alive: Anatomy of a Murder. Documentary charting in detail the events leading up to a murder, beginning with the killing of Stacey Mackie in January 2012. Stacey made a fatal error of judgement when she ended her friendship with Terrence Armer, who became abusive and his threatening, culminating in his gaining entry to her flat, dousing her in white spirit and setting her alight. The programme features interviews with Stacey's mother and sister and a detective inspector from Cumbria police force, as well as expert analysis from a criminal psychologist. (R)
9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of another day of diary room revelations, bedroom banter, arguments and alliances, including a chance to see the events leading up to Friday's eviction and what happened afterwards. (R)
10.00 Paddy McGuinness – Saturday Night Live. The comedian and Take Me Out presenter performs at Manchester Arena during his 2011 UK tour, holding forth on topics including strip clubs, stag dos and hen nights.
11.10 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Ryan Clark and Iain Lee are joined by a panel of psychologists, body-language experts and celebrity fans to analyse the behaviour of the housemates. With Luisa Zissman.
12.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 8.00 World's Craziest Fools 8.30 Top Gear India Special 10.00 Russell Howard's Good News 11.00 Family Guy 1.35 Sexy Beasts 2.05 Comedy Fest Live 2014 3.00 Russell Howard's Good News 4.00 Close
BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Tales from the National Parks 9.00 Crimes of Passion 10.25 Timewatch: Britain's Lost Colosseum 11.15 Rome's Lost Empire 12.45 Boxing at the Movies: Kings of the Ring 1.45 Human Planet 2.45 Tales from the National Parks 3.45 Close
ITV2
11.10 Take Me Out 12.20 You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 1.25 Totally You've Been Framed! 2.25 The X Factor: The Boss is Back 3.25 The X Factor: Cheryl Looks Back 4.30 The X Factor: Louis Looks Back 5.30 Wonderful World of The X Factor 6.30 The X Factor: Your Top Ten 7.35 Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) 9.25 The Xtra Factor 10.30 Film: Happy Gilmore (1996) 12.20 The X Factor 1.50 The Xtra Factor 2.40 The Xtra: The Hot Desk 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.00 Hidden Treasure 3.00 A Touch of Frost 7.00 Lewis 9.00 Bombsay Murders 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 A Touch of Frost 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping
ITV4
11.50 Classic TT 2014 12.50 Storage Wars 1.50 World Rally Championship Highlights 2.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights 3.50 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.20 Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1985) 7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 8.00 Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) 10.55 Film: The Wild Bunch (1969) 1.50 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store 4.30 Teleshopping
E4
11.30 How I Met Your Mother 12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 1.30 The Big Bang Theory 2.30 Melissa & Joey 3.30 Made in Chelsea NYC 4.35 The Big Bang Theory 5.35 How I Met Your Mother 6.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 7.00 The 100 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Scott Pilgrim vs The World (2010) 11.15 The Big Bang Theory 12.15 Virtually Famous 1.05 Almost Royal 1.35 How I Met Your Mother 2.50 Suburgatory 3.35 Glee 4.20 Desperate Housewives
Film4
11.00 Courage of Lassie (1946) 1.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) 2.50 Tooth Fairy (2010) 5.00 The Princess Diaries (2001) 7.15 Airplane! (1980) 9.00 Ghost (1990) 11.25 Intruders (2011) 1.25 Bombsay Beach (2011) 3.05 Close

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CHOICE



John Thomson and Simon Day

The Two Amigos: A Gaucho Adventure (BBC2, 9.00pm)

In the first edition of this new two part series, which promises to be filled with fun and games, Fast Show stars John Thomson and Simon Day head off to Argentina to learn the ways of the country's rugged cowboys and national icons ahead of them participating in a cattle drive in the foothills of the Andes. After a hair-raising, pot-hole dodging drive, they arrive at La Pelada Estancia near the small town of Esquina, where they spend a week of intense training. Head honcho Dario Gallardo soon has the pair bedecked in traditional ponchos and riding on two of the ranch's sturdiest horses, preparing them for their three-day ride in the wilds of Patagonia.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **11.45** Helicopter Heroes Down Under. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Best of Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.30** 24 Hours on Earth. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. **4.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.30** Junior Songs of Praise.

6.05 **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** Steve Backshall and his team go in search of the jaguar, an animal that has eluded Steve his entire life, before turning their attentions to ocean predator the killer whale.

6.35 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **Nature's Miracle Orphans.** Second of two programmes following preparations to return orphaned baby animals to the wild. In Australia, Ellie Harrison meets Sue, who has been caring for bare-nosed wombat Stacey since her mother was killed four months previously. To get the animal used to the outside world, they take her into their garden for the first time. However, interaction with other wombats is a vital part of rehabilitation, so they need to find a suitable companion before she can be released. Wildlife cameraman Max Hug Williams is in Costa Rica, finding out how three-toed sloth Newbie is responding to treatment and meeting a 10-month-old anteater as he learns to forage the critters he needs to keep him going.

8.00 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison meets one of the last survivors of the Women's Land Army and reveals why the Peak District Mountain Rescue was formed. Plus, Jules Hudson explores Staffordshire.

9.00 **The Village.** Edmund and Harriet prepare for their wedding, while Gilbert and Agnes get married. Grace continues to defy John over the land debate and joins the protest walk at the Big House.

10.00 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.

11.35 **Boomers.** (R)

12.05 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**

12.10 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **Countryfile.** (R) **7.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Live Rowing. **1.45** Triathlon. **4.00** Equestrian.

6.00 **Flog It!** Experts Charlie Ross and Tracy Martin visit Oxford University's Sheldonian Theatre to examine a selection of antiques, including a Chinese snuff bottle and a miniature grandfather clock. Meanwhile, presenter Paul Martin heads to the faculty of music to examine the instruments in the Bate Collection.

7.00 **Equator.** Author and broadcaster Simon Reeve travels around the equator, beginning by visiting countries in Africa, including Gabon—a producer of oil that once had the world's highest per capita consumption of champagne. However, the lavish life comes to a halt when he and his team are abandoned by their drivers in the rainforest. (R)

8.00 **Dragons' Den.** A former male stripper breaks down under pressure, and two British expats fly in from Australia to seek investment for their tanning range—and have a jingle that takes the Dragons by surprise. Will anybody be able to impress Kelly Hoppen, Piers Linney, Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden and Duncan Bannatyne? (R)

9.00 **The Two Amigos: A Gaucho Adventure.** Part one of two. Fast Show stars John Thomson and Simon Day head off to Argentina to learn how to be cowboys, before going on a cattle drive in the foothills of the Andes.

10.00 **Him & Her: The Wedding.** New series. Chief bridesmaid Becky has to deal with an excited Laura on the morning of her nuptials and best man Steve cannot find Paul. Comedy, with Russell Tovey and Kerry Howard.

10.30 **Film: Starter for 10.** (2006) A student in the 1980s sets out to appear on University Challenge—and woe a fellow contestant in the process. Comedy drama, starring James McAvoy, Alice Eve and Catherine Tate.

12.00 **Film:** The Science of Sleep. (2006) **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.15** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.30** Animals. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.10** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.25** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30** Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **3.10** The X Factor. (R) **4.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point. (R)

6.30 **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.45** **ITV News:** Weather.

7.00 **Come On Down! The Game Show Story.** Bradley Walsh examines the evolution of the game show, from the basic sets of early programmes to the hi-tech look of The Cube and elaborate obstacle courses of Total Wipeout. He meets the man known to millions more than 40 years ago as Bernie the Bolt and has a go himself at lining up the famous crossbow from The Golden Shot. There's also a look at the changing role of women over the years, from the days of hostesses like Anne Aston to the impact of presenters such as Annika Rice and Carol Vorderman in the 1980s.

8.00 **The X Factor.** The closed-room auditions continue as more solo singers and groups attempt to prove they are worthy of a potentially life-changing record contract. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.00 **The Great War: The People's Story.** A Glasgow shipbuilder, an aristocratic man and an 18-year-old Londoner—all previously exempted from service—are called up to fight as the death toll rises. Last in the series.

10.00 **ITV News:** Weather.

10.15 **Prom Crazy: Frocks and Ferraris.** Documentary following four teenagers preparing for their end-of-year school prom, as they set their sights on designer outfits, makeovers and luxurious transport. (R)

11.15 **The Cube.** Police officer Kevin continues the challenge, with £50,000 already in the bag. (R)

12.10 **The Store.** **2.25** Motorsport UK. **3.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **6.35** **How I Met Your Mother.** (R) **7.00** **Ironman 2014.** **7.30** **Ironman 2014.** **8.00** **Fraser.** (R) **9.00** **Fraser.** (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.30** **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** (R) **1.35** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.00** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **3.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **3.30** **Film:** The Three Musketeers. (1993) Swashbuckling comedy adventure, with Kiefer Sutherland. **5.35** **Deal or No Deal.**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **How Britain Worked.** Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin and the team repair the water turbine needed to power an old saw mill in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire. He then ropes in a carpenter friend to help fell a tree and transport it to the building on a steam traction engine, before using the cut wood to make a replica of the first pedal-powered bicycle. Along the way, Guy learns about the lives of factory workers during the Industrial Revolution and how child apprentices were often little more than slave labour. (R)

8.00 **Secrets of the Body Snatchers: A Time Team Special.** Tony Robinson uncovers the truth behind some of the most gruesome events of the 19th century, when criminals would steal corpses from graves for medical research purposes.

9.00 **Film: Tower Heist.** (2011) Premiere. The manager of an apartment complex asks a Wall Street financier to manage pension funds for him and his friends, but the man pockets all the money instead. When he realises the fraudster is going to get away with the crime and the money will never be found, he enlists the help of a professional thief to steal it back. Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Alan Alda, Tea Leoni and Casey Affleck.

11.00 **Film: Another 48 Hrs.** (1990) Convict Reggie Hammond and cop Jack Cates once again join forces, this time taking on a mysterious drug kingpin. Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte.

12.50 **Film: Paradise: Love.** (2012) **2.50** **First Time Farmers.** (R) **3.45** **The Million Pound Drop.** (R) **4.40** **Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking.** (R) **5.05** **Deal or No Deal.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milksheik!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** **Roary the Race Car.** (R) **6.10** **Angels Ballerina.** (R) **6.30** **Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.40** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.05** **Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25** **Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.40** **City of Friends.** (R) **7.50** **The Little Princess.** (R) **8.00** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20** **Wanda and the Alien.** **8.35** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **8.50** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.05** **Jelly Jamm.** (R) **9.20** **LazyTown.** (R) **9.50** **Access.** **9.55** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **10.50** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **11.50** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.45** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.50** **Film:** Vertical Limit. (2000) Action adventure, starring Chris O'Donnell. **4.05** **Film:** Monster House. (2006) Animated comedy horror, with the voice of Mitchell Musso. **5.45** **Film:** Sweet Home Alabama. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas.

8.00 **5 News Weekend.**

8.05 **World's Deadliest Storms.** Documentary featuring footage of some of the world's most extreme weather captured by those who survived it. In Indianapolis, freak winds cause a 32-ton stage to collapse on top of spectators. Hurricane Sandy strikes a small coastal town in New York and a tornado tears a peaceful Illinois neighbourhood to pieces. (R)

9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 **Film: Death Sentence.** (2007) Premiere. An executive turns into a vigilante, using increasingly brutal methods to avenge his son's murder by a street gang. Thriller, starring Kevin Bacon and Kelly Preston.

12.05 **Prisoners Out of Control.** A look inside the walls of the most notorious prisons. **12.55** **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** **Royal Pets: One's Best Friend.** Members of the British monarchy and their animals. **4.00** **House Doctor.** A property in Hammersmith, west London. (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R) **5.15** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 **Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D 7.15** **Doctor Who 8.05** **Film:** Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) **10.00** **Family Guy 10.45** **Cuckoo 11.15** **Siblings 11.45** **American Dad! 12.00** **Sexy Beasts 1.00** **Cuckoo 1.30** **Siblings 2.00** **Russell Howard's Good News 3.00** **Josh 3.15** **Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D 3.30** **Sexy Beasts 4.00** **Close**

BBC Four

7.00 **The Sunday Prom:** Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra **9.10** **Imagine:** Tom Jones – What Good Am I? **10.10** **Film:** Miss Bala (2011) **12.00** **Blondie's New York and the Making of Parallel Lines 12.50** **New York Rock at the BBC 1.50** **Blondie @ Glastonbury 2.45** **Imagine:** Tom Jones – What Good Am I? **3.45** **Close**

ITV2

12.05 **America's Got Talent 2.45** **Totally You've Been Framed! 3.45** **Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **5.40** **The X Factor 7.05** **Film:** Year One (2009) **9.00** **The Xtra Factor 10.00** **Utterly Outrageous Celebrity Weddings 11.00** **The X Factor 12.00** **The Xtra Factor 1.00** **The Big Reunion 2014 1.50** **You've Been Framed: A-Z 2.40** **Teleshopping 5.40** **ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3

11.35 **Film:** George and Mildred: The Movie (1980) **1.30** **Film:** Evil Under the Sun (1982) **3.55** **Film:** Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore (1976) **5.55** **Inspector Morse 8.00** **Lewis 10.00** **Wycliffe 11.05** **William and Mary: The Breakfast Club (1985) 1.10** **William and Mary 2.00** **Judge Judy 3.05** **Movies Now 3.15** **ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40** **Emmerdale**

ITV4

11.20 **Film:** Paths of Glory (1957) **1.10** **Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) **4.15** **Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **6.00** **The Motorbike Show 7.00** **Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 8.00** **River Monsters 9.00** **Film:** Waterworld (1995) **11.45** **Hell on Wheels 12.40** **Classic TT 2014 1.40** **Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 2.35** **Chers 3.00** **Teleshopping 3.30** **The Store 4.30** **Teleshopping**

E4

12.30 **Made in Chelsea NYC 1.30** **Murvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.30** **Suburgatory 3.00** **The Mindy Project 3.30** **New Girl 4.00** **The Big Bang Theory 5.00** **The 100 5.55** **Rude(ish) Tube 6.55** **Film:** Three Men and a Cradle (1987) **9.00** **Made in Chelsea NYC 10.00** **Almost Royal 10.35** **The Big Bang Theory 11.35** **Virtually Famous 12.25** **Rules of Engagement 1.50** **Suburgatory 2.15** **Happy Endings 3.00** **The Cleveland Show 3.20** **Hollydays**

Film4

11.00 **Carry On Doctor (1967) 1.00** **Chalet Girl (2011) 2.50** **Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) 4.40** **The King and I (1956) 7.15** **The Golden Child (1986) 9.00** **Brassed Off (1996) 11.10** **Terminator Salvation (2009) 1.25** **Absentia (2011) 3.20** **Close**

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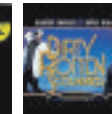
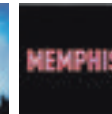
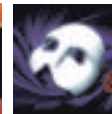
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MONDAY
Paradise: Faith, Channel 4, 1am
An Austrian woman becomes obsessively devoted to Catholicism, going door to door asking people to pray with her and developing sexual fixations with the crucifixion. Drama, the second film in Ulrich Seidl's Paradise trilogy, starring Maria Hofstätter and Nabil Saleh. In German and Arabic. (2012)

TUESDAY
Do No Harm, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is devastated when her partner dies in a plane crash, and tries to kill herself. She is helped in her recovery by a psychiatrist, but the doctor develops an unhealthy fixation with the patient and kidnaps her, hoping she will replace her own dead daughter. Thriller, starring Deanna Russo and Lauren Holly. (2012)

WEDNESDAY
The Stepford Wives, BBC1, 11.50pm
A ruthless TV boss suffers a nervous breakdown and is persuaded to relocate to an idyllic town. However, she begins to suspect something is very wrong with the local women and sets out to discover the dark secret behind the seemingly perfect community. Frank Oz's comedy remake of the 1975 satire, with Nicole Kidman, Matthew Broderick and Bette Midler. (2004)



The Stepford Wives, Wednesday, BBC2, 11.50pm

THURSDAY
Texas Rangers, BBC1, 11.35pm
A posse of courageous gunslingers and hotheads is hired by the state governor to prevent Texas from falling into lawless ruin in the aftermath of the American Civil War. Western, starring James Van Der Beek. (2001)

FRIDAY
The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.40pm
A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and Nick Frost. (2009)

American Beauty, BBC2, 11.05pm
A suburban family man has a mid-life crisis when he becomes infatuated with a friend of his teenage daughter. Struggling to cope with the unhealthy attention her father is lavishing on her friend, the girl begins a tentative relationship of her own, while her harassed mother is also having an affair. Sam Mendes' Oscar-winning black comedy drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch. (1999)

Reece plays it straight in a new police drama

Comedy can be a funny business. One minute you're at the top of the tree, the next you can be forgotten, a spent force no longer able to raise a smile.

When the Monty Python TV series ended, nobody knew what the future would hold for its members.

Some observers thought they may vanish without a trace, but in fact, they all went on to enjoy varying degrees of success – for them, the sum of the whole was not greater than the parts.

The same could be said about the League of Gentlemen team. Jeremy Dyson (the one everybody always forgets about) has enjoyed success in the fields of writing and directing, while Steve Pemberton is an instantly recognisable character actor and Mark Gatiss is a lovable polymath.

For a while it seemed that Reece Shearsmith might not reach the heights of his colleagues, but in the past year that's all changed.

Inside Number 9, the series he wrote and starred in with Pemberton, was a resounding success, and he also reinvented himself as a dramatic actor with roles in the horror movie

A Field in England and on the small screen in The Widow.

He's playing it straight again in new series **Chasing Shadows, ITV, 9.00pm.**

"I'm probably what you would describe as a character actor and I do immerse myself in the parts," says Shearsmith.

"I don't get recognised a lot because I'm usually disguised on screen. I quite like the level I'm at where I can have a normal life and walk around. The work is the thing that speaks for me. I'm not really a personality. I just do the acting and that's what I want people to see."

That may all change if Chasing Shadows is a major success and returns for another series after this initial run of four episodes.

The Hull-born actor reckons it could continue. "I'd love to do more. I think it's only the start of what could be a really interesting journey for all of the characters. There are so many stories that could be told."

Shearsmith plays DS Sean Stone, a misfit who struggles to deal with

people and is reassigned to a missing person's unit after offending his boss.

There he meets Ruth Hattersley, who learns to deal with Sean's odd quirks and habits, and quickly realises how useful he could be when it comes to finding lost souls.

Alex Kingston portrays her, and Noel Clarke has been cast as their boss, DI Prior.

Their first case involves the disappearance of 16-year-old schoolgirl Taylor, and will be told over two nail-biting episodes.

She's initially thought to be a routine runaway, until Sean discovers she had a dark secret and was logging into internet forums about suicide.

We won't give away what happens next, but Sean's attention to detail enables him and Ruth to uncover something very shocking indeed.

It's an unforgettable story, and after it has been broadcast, you can bet that Shearsmith won't be able to stay anonymous for long.

Don Warrington, Adjoa Andoh, Alfie Field, Lynda Baron, Myriam Achariki and Imogen Daines also star.



Reece Shearsmith stars in Chasing Shadows, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Long Lost Family, ITV, 9pm

It may be an award-winning, emotionally wrenching TV series, but we're almost glad Long Lost Family is coming to an end this week – our tear ducts need a break. They'll get one final workout this week though as we meet 53-year-old Sandra Macdonald, who was given up for adoption as a baby. Growing up in Edinburgh, she never felt fully accepted by her adoptive family, and at the age of 15 she decided to search for her biological mother. She began her journey at the offices of the church organisation, where she was told that her mother had sinned and wouldn't want to be reminded of her transgressions. Now the Long Lost Family pick up the case.

Alex Polizzi: The Fixer, BBC2, 9pm

The hotelier and entrepreneur returns to help more struggling firms, this time finding solutions for certain critical issues that lead to the closure of many companies. She begins by visiting Paul Walker, who set up a micro-brewery in the heart of the Devon countryside, but has seen his finances spiral out of control and his family life begin to suffer. Alex shows him how to capitalise on the growing popularity of British real ale overseas, with a trip to Paris revealing interesting export opportunities for his products.

TUESDAY
Dogs: Their Secret Lives, Channel 4, 8pm

Dogs are pretty great creatures. They love hanging out with their human buddies and don't seem to have a care in the world – or do they? We wouldn't normally associate canines with mental health issues, but the final episode of this eye-opening series suggests that some of their most extreme behaviours could indicate they are suffering from certain issues, including obsessive compulsion and chronic fears.

In the Club, BBC1, 9pm

Jasmin is furious with Dr Bellingham for inducing her labour, worried whether her marriage will survive if the baby turns out to be white – and things go from bad to worse when she encounters Jack in the hospital after his fight with Dev. Kim is left to mend her fractured relationship with Susie and Neil following the revelation that Jude is the father of Rosie's baby, while Diane and Rick are optimistic as Hope is taken off the ventilator. Kay Mellor's drama, starring Taj Atwal, Sacha Dhawan and Jill Halfpenny.

WEDNESDAY
Our Zoo, BBC1, 9pm

New series. Drama based on the true story of the Mothershead family, who made a huge personal sacrifice to establish Chester Zoo in the 1930s – despite staunch opposition from the locals. Lee Ingleby stars as ex-serviceman George, still haunted by memories of the First

World War and frustrated that he and his family have to live with his parents. An animal lover, he is unable to stand by while an unwanted monkey and camel are put down in the quarantine bay at the docks, so he houses the animals in his mum and dad's backyard.

The family think he is losing his mind – but for George it's the spark of an idea. Liz White, Anne Reid, Ralf Little, Stephen Campbell Moore, Amelia Clarkson, Karl Collins and Sophia Myles co-star.



Our Zoo, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Dallas, Channel 5, 10pm

As series three kicks off, Sue Ellen is busy planning John Ross and Pamela's wedding. And what's the first rule of celebrations in soap land? That's right, they never go off without a fight. In this case the groom clashes with Bobby over their joint ownership of Southfork Ranch. As if that's not controversial enough, he also begins an affair with Emma. Meanwhile, Elena is back, and it seems her relationship with Christopher is beyond repair. Veteran favourites Linda Gray and Patrick Duffy star with Josh Henderson, Jordana Brewster and Jesse Metcalfe.

FRIDAY
Boomers, BBC1, 9pm

The friends gather for Joyce's retirement party, where John has made a tribute video – but forgotten to ask Trevor for his tribute – Maureen latches onto a trendy young couple at the party and Alan has bad news that might ruin proceedings – unless the guest of honour spoils it first by confronting her neighbour about her kids' unruly behaviour. Alison Steadman and Philip Jackson star in the sitcom, with Russ Abbot, Stephanie Beacham, Paula Wilcox and James Smith.

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- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Ample off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E

O/A £125,000



5 QUEENS CRESCENT

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Extended accommodation
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Utility room/study
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING TBC

£124,950



21 HALL STREET

- CRADLEY HEATH
- Modern semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

OIRO £123,500



35 PADARN CLOSE

- SEDGLEY
- Modern terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Ideal first time purchase
- Shower room, car parking space
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C

£122,000



130 MOUNT ROAD

- LANESFIELD
- Traditional semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Larger than average plot
- Large private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

O/A £115,000



67 NORBURY CRESCENT

- SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Through lounge & dining room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING B

£109,950



64 SPRINGFIELD GROVE

- SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Utility area/wc
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

£109,950



9 PRIORS MILL

- UPPER GORNAL
- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms plus attic room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

£104,950



9 DARBY CLOSE

- WOODCROSS
- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious accommodation
- Occupying a corner position
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BRIERLEY HILL
BORROWDALE CLOSE
FOR SALE £224,950
Detached House Includes: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms, En Suite, Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Off Road Parking.



BRIERLEY HILL
FOXDALE DRIVE
FOR SALE £79,950
Well Presented Freehold Cluster Style House To Include: Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Benefitting from: Front Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing.



WOLLASTON
LARKHILL ROAD
FOR SALE £149,950
Refurbished property finished to a very high standard. Comprises of: Entrance Hall, Ground Floor WC, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, GARAGE.



WORDSLEY
STABLE LODGE
FOR SALE £124,950
Impressive, well presented property in private courtyard comprising of: Entrance Hall, Large Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen/Diner, One Bedroom, Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking.



WORDSLEY
BRACKEN PARK GARDENS
FOR SALE £69,950
Purpose Built Second Floor Leasehold Apartment comprising of: Entrance Hall with Store, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom. Benefits include: Electric Heating, Allocated and Visitors Parking.



QUARRY BANK
CHURCH STREET
FOR SALE £129,995
Semi Detached House close to Merry Hill to include: Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.



BRIERLEY HILL
HENZEL CROFT
FOR SALE £97,950
Modern Ground Floor Apartment close to local amenities and Merry Hill comprising of: Spacious Lounge 20' 10" x 9' 10", Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Wet Room. Benefits include: Electric Heating, Double Glazing and Allocated Parking.



BRIERLEY HILL
BROMPTON DRIVE
£575 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Good sized Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking to rear.



GORNAL
BARR STREET
£545 pcm*
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating.



RUSSELLS HALL
MERRYFIELD ROAD
£550 pcm*
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens.



KINGSWINFORD
BROAD STREET
£560 pcm*
Terrace Property, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Partially Double Glazed, Rear Garden.



GREAT BRIDGE
EAGLE PLACE
£370 pcm*
Modern Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Secure Entrance.



DUDLEY
DIBDALE STREET
£585 pcm*
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Loft Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Unfurnished.



BROCKMOOR
HIGH STREET
£495 pcm*
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Rear Garden, Unfurnished.



TIVIDALE
TIVIDALE STREET
£545 pcm*
Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking.



WORDSLEY
HIGH STREET
£475 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.



WALL HEATH
BLAZE PARK
£695 pcm*
Mid Terrace Property, Large Lounge, Dining Room, Good Size Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom or Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden, Off Road Parking.



LYE
STOURBRIDGE ROAD
£350 to £375 pcm*
Choice of Ground or First Floor Flats, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom or Shower Room, Parking at rear, Communal Grounds, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, NO PETS/NO DSS.



KINGSWINFORD
GRANTLEY CRESCENT
£795 pcm*
Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Area, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.



DUDLEY
SALOP STREET
£385 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, One Bedroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, DSS considered, No Pets.



KINGSWINFORD
BARNETT LANE
£460 PCM*
Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking.



NETHERTON
BUSH ROAD
£110 per week*
First Floor Maisonette, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished.



STOURBRIDGE
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£660 pcm*
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PENSNETT
QUEEN STREET
A superbly presented, beautifully maintained 3 Bed Semi pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address and providing well planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer or young family. Briefly comprises - Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, attractively fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, superbly appointed Bathroom, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 cars to the front. EPC=D
Offers around £134,950



BROCKMOOR
HIGH STREET
This well maintained Modern 3 Bed Semi-Detached is pleasantly and very conveniently situated in this popular address and provides well planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the First Time buyer or young family with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises - Porch, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Sep Dining Room, Kitchen with built in oven, hob and fridge, Conservatory, 3 well Proportioned Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Large Garage with rear vehicular access and Pleasant Rear Gardens. EPC=D
Offers around £127,500



STOURBRIDGE
BROOK STREET
This attractively presented, 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First Time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated in the 'old quarter' of Stourbridge. Briefly comprises - Lounge, REFITTED DINING KITCHEN, useful Cellar, 2 Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with shower and rear Gardens. EPC=D
Offers around £124,950



BRIERLEY HILL
DELPH ROAD
This much improved, extended Traditional Semi provides versatile, spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family. Hall, Lounge, sep Dining Room, Conservatory, attractively fitted extended Breakfast Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and dishwasher, Laundry/Utility Room, Downstairs Shower Room, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom, feature Attic Bedroom, pleasant good sized rear Gardens and block paved driveway for 3/4 cars. EPC=C
Offers over £120,000



PENSNETT
MEDWAY CLOSE
This SUPERBLY PRESENTED and beautifully improved Modern 2 Bed Semi provides generously proportioned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First time buyer or young family and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises - Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, SUPERBLY FITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, 2 double Bedrooms, SUMPTUOUS RE-APPOINTED SHOWER ROOM, pleasant low maintenance front and rear Gardens and Garage to rear. EPC=C
Offers around £117,500



BRIERLEY HILL
WALDRON AVENUE
This attractively presented 3 Bed Semi provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family or First Time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Hall, Spacious Lounge, REFITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob, Downstairs W.C., 3 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant good sized rear Gardens with pleasant southerly facing aspect and backing onto Canal and Block Paved Driveway to the front. EPC=D
Offers around £104,950



BRIERLEY HILL
SPRINGFIELD ROAD
A superbly appointed, much improved and lovingly maintained 3 Bed End Townhouse, pleasantly situated on a 'corner' plot in this convenient address and providing spacious EXTENDED GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly comprises - Hall, Spacious Lounge, Downstairs Bathroom with W.C., Superb REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 3 good sized Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, delightfully kept Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway Parking. EPC=D
Offers around £102,950



BRIERLEY HILL
MOOR STREET
Pleasantly situated with MUCH LARGER THAN AVERAGE GARDENS at the front of this ever popular address, this attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroomed End Townhouse provides well planned deceptively spacious UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the First Time Buyer, young family or INVESTOR. Briefly comprises - Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, 2 good sized Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, pleasant landscaped gardens to rear and side and car parking space immediately to rear. EPC=E
Offers around £94,950



CRADLEY
COLLEY LANE
This unique individually designed One Bedroom Detached 'Cottage' provides thoughtfully planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom 'tucked away' in this convenient address and reached by a private driveway. Ideally suited to the Professional Singles or INVESTOR. Briefly comprises - Hall, Open Plan Lounge with Fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Bedroom, Shower Room and Blocked Paved Parking to the Front. EPC=D
Offers around £79,950



BRIERLEY HILL
DADFORD VIEW
This attractively presented Modern One Bed First Flat provides deceptively spacious double glazed accom which is pleasantly situated on this popular and convenient development. Ideal for the First Time Buyer, young couple or single person. Briefly comprises: Exclusive Entrance Hall, Landing, spacious 'open plan' Lounge with ATTRACTIVELY FITTED MODERN KITCHEN, Double Bedroom with built-in wardrobes, REFITTED BATHROOM, communally kept Gardens and allocated Car Parking Space immediately to the front. EPC=C
Offers around £64,500



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DUDLEY
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Spacious One Bedroomed Second Floor Flat in popular and convenient location • Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing • Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Double Bedroom • Car Parking Space to Rear • No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Deposit £500. Available Immediately. Fees Apply. EPC=E
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Sedgley Road

ENVIABLY SITUATED! A stylish SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED and tremendously enhanced gas centrally heated and uPVC (oak effect) double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood close to common and all associated amenities. Presented in superb order throughout property includes reception hall, dining room with bay (imposing living flame feature fireplace) refitted kitchen with a fine range of units extended 17'9" rear lounge, three bedrooms (all with wardrobes) reappointed bathroom with white suite extensive gravelled fore garden and neat secluded rear garden (£250.00 allowance towards buyers legal fees) EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £179,950
NETHERTON

Weavers Rise

Enjoying an elevated position within this lovely address, this WELL ARRANGED AND MOST APPEALING, TWO BEDROOM, LINK-DETACHED BUNGALOW is strongly recommended for viewing, affording an excellent layout with particular attention being brought to the LARGE SITTING ROOM and PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. Offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN and in more detail to briefly comprise: Reception hall, large sitting room, kitchen, two generous bedrooms and bathroom. Substantial driveway providing ample vehicular parking, garage and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£169,950
SEDGLEY

Woodbank Road (Brownswall Estate)

Superb, EXTENDED, tremendously enhanced & improved, gas centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow enviably located upon wide corner plot with distant views towards Clee Hills. Superb accommodation includes; entrance porch, central reception hall, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Extended L shape living/dining room (with double French doors out to the garden, and a feature oak fireplace), enlarged/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated hob/oven, utility/outer lobby. Large (16'9" x 16'4") garage, secluded/landscaped and sheltered rear garden with wide "Indian flagstone" patio and other features. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £164,950
QUARRY BANK

Birch Coppice

Rather tucked away from the thoroughfare yet readily accessible, this REALLY QUITE DECEPTIVE, TWO/THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED DORMER STYLED BUNGALOW has great potential, whilst at present including GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Porch, Hall, Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room (or Bedroom Three), Kitchen, Fully Tiled Bathroom and Two First Floor Bedrooms. Drive, Shallow Garage (for storage) and Lovely Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950
HOLLY HALL

Kingswinford Road

Enjoying a convenient position within this renowned address, this WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME is recommended for viewing, affording an excellent layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND MAJORITY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, yet with particular attention being brought to the PRETTY REAR GARDEN AND GARAGE. The accommodation briefly comprises: Reception Hall, sitting room with bay window, pleasant dining room, well fitted kitchen, guests cloakroom, landing, three first floor bedrooms and a four piece bathroom. Driveway facilitating vehicular parking, garage and pretty rear garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£129,950
DUDLEY

Garrick Close (Earls Keep)

ENVIABLY SITUATED WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS, A uPVC double glazed and GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Second Floor Apartment (with "entry phone" style access to communal parts), set upon well regarded development within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation provides; reception hall, two generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, 20'10" living/dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units and many integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £117,950
Brierley Hill

Pensnett Road

Favouring an elevated position within this established address, this WELL PRESENTED AND TASTEFULLY DECORATED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME includes a layout encompassing both GAS CENTRAL HEATING and a MODERN WELL FITTED KITCHEN. The property is seen to briefly comprise: Hall, Pleasant Sitting Room, MODERN WELL FITTED KITCHEN, Guests Cloakroom, Three Good First Floor Bedrooms and Delightful Bathroom. Attractive frontage and large Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£104,950
NETHERTON

Baptist End Road

An opportunity to purchase a two bedroom terrace having two good size bedrooms with gas radiator heating and double glazing to the majority comprising of a pebbled frontage, Living room, Breakfast kitchen, L-shaped Landing, Two good sized bedrooms, White suite bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950
SEDGLEY

Rowena Gardens, Northway

An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, ENLARGED, and enhanced, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated at head of cul-de-sac with magnificent gardens (orientated approx to the south). Flexible accommodation comprises; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, 18ft L shape living/dining room, sitting/day room (possible fourth bedroom?) with patio doors, enlarged 17ft breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, reappointed/refitted bathroom with white suite. Extensive boarded loft space, car port, garage, magnificent grounds, extensive parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £242,500
TIPTON

Benbeck Grove

A fastidiously maintained & presented, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently set at head of short quiet cul-de-sac with block paved fore garden and comprising; entrance hall, reappointed cloakroom, elegant 19'9" lounge, study, inner hallway, two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of "Schreiber-walnut effect" fitted units, reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary style suite & chrome detailing, separate dining room, tremendous breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances. Garage, sheltered/secluded, expertly tended rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £224,950
SEDGLEY

Southerndown Road


A meticulously maintained, EXTENDED, and tremendously enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow enviably situated on periphery of favoured development abutting on to open fields at rear, and within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation provides; 'L' shape reception hall, cloaks & airing cupboard, two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with "top quality" range of fitted units), tiled bathroom, lounge, extended dining room, recently refitted kitchen with a range of "Old English Cream" effect units, side through lobby. Garage, expertly tended landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950
DUDLEY


An attractive freehold gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed FOUR BEDROOM detached family home with garage, excellently situated at virtually at head of short cul de sac upon favoured development with secluded rear garden and within walking distance of many local amenities. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, dining room, lounge, breakfast kitchen. Four bedrooms (principle room with en suite) bathroom, integral garage and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950
Berkswell Close, Milking Bank

Richborough Drive

Enviably situated, overlooking open space with tremendous spacious UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY, a much enhanced gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached in favoured neighbourhood with superb accommodation including reception hall, store, upgraded fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge, magnificent conservatory. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Gated drive with substantial brick garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £174,000
PENN COMMON

Sedgley Road

NEW PRICE

A traditional, gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in enviable situation with distant rural views. The property has been well maintained & improved by present vendors over the years, and the accommodation includes; reception hall, living/dining room with French doors out to a small conservatory, extended kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Pleasant rear aspect with ENLARGED & WELL TENDED rear garden, parking for several vehicles on large fore garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £182,950
NOW £174,950
DUDLEY

Malthouse Drive

An exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been tremendously enhanced to a superb specification by present vendors occupying a fine corner plot in popular district. The tremendous accommodation includes; entrance hallway, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, lounge (with oak strip floor), dining room, and double doors through to a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with an extensive range of "gloss cream" finish units with integrated appliances. Principal bedroom with "Sharpees" fitted units & an upgraded shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one with wardrobe) and a refitted/refitted bathroom with contemporary white suite. Lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded landscaped rear garden with decking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £169,950
COSELEY

Kenelm Road


ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! A comprehensively modernised, significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached in magnificent order throughout. The first quality accommodation includes; reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, tremendous 22'7" x 16'6" "hub of the house" dining kitchen with large double glazed "clear storey-skylight" and an extensive range of units (wood burning stove), utility room, lengthy office (with sky lights), and a shower room. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Boarded/plastered roof space with sky light. Off road parking, substantial secure brick store, and a delightful sheltered well cultivated rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Summer Lane

Representing a truly rare opportunity, this Victorian style, double glazed (vast majority of majority of units), gas centrally heated end terrace with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupies a generous plot & lends itself to further development/ potential commercial premises (subject to planning permission). Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first floor double bedrooms. Outside: two large workshops (one with inspection pit), attached office, lengthy driveway, garden area. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950
TIPTON

Wrens Avenue 'Foxyards'

An attractive, spacious, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached of character in favoured district. The accommodation provides; entrance porch, imposing reception hall (8'5" ceiling height), sitting room with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, good sized garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950
DUDLEY

The Broadway

An EXTENDED, spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached occupying WIDER THAN AVERAGE PLOT in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises; enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room, lounge, extended 18'2" kitchen, and the former garage has been sub-divided to create a utility room & fitted shower room (access through hall). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Extensive parking (11' width from former garage gable to boundary at side). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950
Pensnett

DOUBLE GARAGE AT REAR
Tansey Green Road

AN ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED HOME forming part of this established and sought after address and enjoying a PLEASANT OPEN REAR ASPECT, together with a DOUBLE GARAGE and with accommodation comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge / dining room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, study / laundry room, bathroom with corner suite and separate shower; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a GOOD SIZED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore and a long, pleasantly laid out rear garden. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950
DUDLEY

Beaumaris Close

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously upgraded, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years enviably situated at head of short cul-de-sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. Accommodation includes; lounge, store, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of Ikea 'abstract' black finish units & various integrated appliances. Two double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite/chrome detailing. Off road parking to front, sheltered rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION VITAL FOR TOTAL APPRECIATION. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £131,500
UPPER GORNAL

Goodrich Mews

Constructed by Taylor Wimpey circa 2009 and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee an exceptionally stylish already significantly enhanced gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed intermediate home upon a well established highly regarded development. Delightful accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of upgraded units with various integrated appliances living/dining room THREE BEDROOMS (principle bedroom with en suite) bathroom parking for two vehicles to front and sheltered, secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating C.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £128,750
WOODSETTON

Parkes Hall Road

Significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in particularly convenient district. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, store, and the ground floor accommodation has been "opened up" to provide an enlarged 17 ft max lounge (with original open fireplace), and transverse refitted 17'6" breakfast kitchen (with uPVC double glazed double French doors out to garden). Three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with white suite. Off road parking to front, lengthy secluded rear garden, possible rear vehicular access (subject to licence fee to Council). EPC Rating: D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950
LOWER GORNAL

Ellowes Road

Conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached former police house in established district. Accommodation includes; reception hall, dining room, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a range of "oak" effect units, lobby, store, separate w.c. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Gated driveway to a large garden, TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. EPC Rating: D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950
PENSNETT

Tansey Green Road

SPACIOUS and with NO UPWARD CHAIN a redecorated, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet backwater. Imaginatively designed accommodation includes traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with a range of "birch" effect units and many appliances, living/dining room, upstairs store. Principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and bathroom en suite, second bedroom with shower room en suite. Extensive block paved/ gravelled parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden with decking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Woodbury Close

This traditional style, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established cul de sac convenient for local amenities, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining kitchen, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms (with en suite bath to master), paved frontage, and a lengthy, well stocked rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

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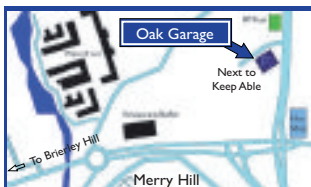
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Clear move from diesels

New car buyers are moving back towards petrol engines after years of diesel domination, if Ford's latest sales figures are any guide.

The company has revealed that its multi-award-winning 1.0-litre Ecoboost turbocharged petrol engine now powers one in every five cars sold in Europe, totalling 120,000 vehicles from January to the end of June.

That figure is an increase from 104,000 1.0-litre Ecoboost-powered cars sold in the same period in 2013.

Within the statistics there is a clear move away from diesel in some sectors, with the B-Max showing 47 per cent of sales going to the smallest Ecoboost unit. One third (33 per cent) of Focus buyers also went for the same engine.

"Customers are clearly enjoying the benefits from a small engine that offers great fuel efficiency with no compromise to refinement or performance,"

said Barb Samardzich, chief operating officer, Ford of Europe.

"The range of models offering the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine will rise to 11 when the all-new Mondeo is launched in the coming months, and the new 140 PS version in the Fiesta Red Edition and Black Edition shows there is even more potential."

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Peugeot's new estate will tick all the boxes for families

By Ian Donaldson

Peugeot has been very thorough in adapting its current European Car of the Year for the role of load lugging estate to take on some formidable opposition.

It means the new 308 SW can stand its corner against the likes of a VW Golf, SEAT Leon or Ford Focus as family holdall with more practicality than a hatchback.

To make sure the SW is up to the mark in the down to earth world of family motoring, it has front and rear wheels further apart than on the hatchback, with a little of the extra room devoted to rear seat passengers, but most of the extra space released for luggage.

Ramping up the practicality quotient, the split/folding rear seats flop forward at the pull of a couple of levers in the boot sides to give a floor so near perfectly flat you'll never notice the tiny incline, unlike the ski slope of some other estates and SUVs.

The resultant 1,660 litres of load space betters the Golf and SEAT by a little (both with 1,620 litres), while the Focus, with 1,502 litres of space, is kicked into the long grass.

Boon

A useful added touch of practicality is the little ski hatch between the seats that will be a boon on trips to the DIY store for long, thin bits of wood. Also, the boot cover retracts into its own cassette, which then stows securely out of the way in a slot under the boot floor.

Peugeot missed a trick by not letting the front passenger seat flop forward to get the absolute most out of the space inside their new machine, but otherwise they've done a thorough job of the move from hatch to estate.

So thorough that the £700 premium for all that extra stowage space and a little more room in the back seats looks more than reasonable.

The 308 SW range starts at £16,845 for a version powered by Peugeot's new 1.2-litre engine; a three-cylinder unit chosen for its economy potential and the same basic design that's rapidly becoming an industry standard in the race to cut consumption and exhaust pipe pollution.

The range then expands to take in more powerful version of the same 1.2-litre petrol unit, along with a couple of diesels, with 1.6 and 2.0-litre displacements, and tops out at £25,145 for a bells and whistles Feline trim car with automatic gears.

Every 308 SW shares the same dashboard found in the hatchback, which means drivers new to the car will need to get used to a tiny steering wheel designed to let you see the instrument panel over the top of the rim not through it, like you find in just about every other car made this last half century.

Bold

It's a bold design move from Peugeot and there are people who never find the new arrangement as easily mastered as taking the conventional route. Lots of others soon don't notice, while enjoying the mildly go-kart feel imparted by that small steering wheel.

Design feature number two is a dashboard almost devoid of switches, with just about everything consigned to a big screen activated by a tap or two of the driver's fingers. It certainly declutters the cockpit but renders some apparently simple commands (changing the radio channel, adjusting temperatures, for instance) more complex than before.

The 308 SW drives in precisely the same manner as its slightly smaller hatchback sibling, which means it's up there with the class best in terms of ride and ability to tackle a corner with zest and aplomb.

Those are two words you didn't associate with Peugeot for years, but the brand is rediscovering its mojo, which used to mean an easy going sense of style, and hopefully is back on track.

Couple that with the deeply drawn practicality of the new SW version of the 308 (and the near certainty of beating 40mpg however you drive) and Peugeot's winning streak looks set to continue.



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In driving seat with surprising Volvo V40

By James Parker

The Volvo V40 is a slick and wholly convincing family hatch. Where V used to mean 'estate' in Volvo nomenclature, this time round it's a five-door spin-off of the C30 coupe with a broad range of engines and some delightful interior detailing. Prepare to be surprised.

Most British-bought V40s will deliver diesel drive via the four-cylinder 115bhp, 1.6-litre unit we're looking at here, as fitted to the entry-level D2. It's no ball of fire of course – 60mph takes 11.7 seconds on the way to 118mph – but it's as fast as most will need it to be and 270Nm of torque means you won't have to row the car along with the gearlever in town, an environment where, the V40 is very much at home.

Here's a hatch clearly developed by people who care about driving. The result is a very good compromise indeed of absorbent ride and assured handling composure.

You can always spoil it if you want to by opting for a 'sports' chassis that offers firmer springs and dampers, and lowers the ride height by just under half an inch, also lowering the centre of gravity.

The D2 model is capable of a headline-grabbing 78.5mpg on the combined cycle and a 94g/km of CO₂ reading that'll side-steps the need for road tax and payment of the London congestion charge.

To put that into perspective, at the time of launch, a comparable 109bhp Mercedes A180 CDI managed 55.4mpg and 136g/km.

Even BMW's eco poster pin-up model, the 116d EfficientDynamics, struggles to get close.

Sleekeer

The latest Volvo XC60 is more smartly styled these days – particularly at the front where there's a much sleeker look. But the important stuff lies beneath the bonnet.

The AWD D4 diesel model in RDesign trim that almost all buyers choose offers a sophisticated and efficient engine, namely a 2.4-litre five-cylinder unit now upgraded to 181bhp.

There's also a £1,500 option of automatic transmission with a Geartronic six-speed gearbox.

The D4 AWD manual model will return 53.3mpg on the combined cycle and 139g/km of CO₂, which is actually very good by class standards.

The latest styling changes comprise a redesigned front featuring a re-sculpted bonnet.

The Swedish company has made a concerted effort to remove any black trim pieces from the exterior to create a more upmarket, cohesive look.

The XC60 also benefits from an interior upgrade. There are now better quality wood inlays, a plushier headlining, textile B-pillars and there are also some very well finished silk metal frames around the air vents and light controls.

The rear seats remain a little higher than the front pair to give better visibility for children and the two outer seats in the back can be specified with two-stage booster cushions.

The interior feels very airy courtesy of some serious glazing overhead, the laminated glass panorama roof being one of the biggest in the sector.

The load opening at the back is also the widest amongst the XC60's direct competition, opening to reveal a 480-litre capacity.

As in the XC70, the rear seat is a three-piece affair that folds 40-20-40, with each section capable of folding down completely flat.

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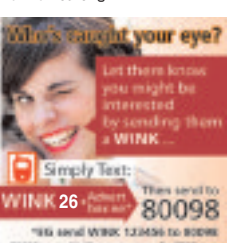
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Downing on the spot for Tividale

Tividale 2 Sheffield 1
TIVIDALE maintained their perfect start to the Evo-Stik First Division South season with their third win in a row.

The latest victims of the league's new-boys were the football club recognised as the oldest in the world, Sheffield FC – on the weekend Tividale celebrated their own 60th anniversary.

Tividale got off to a dream start on six minutes. Sheffield were forced to give away a corner, then failed to get any distance with the clearance and Lewis Taylor-Boyce picked up the loose ball, beat his marker and fired into the bottom corner.

Sheffield were level though on 35 minutes. Left-winger James Gregory, with a great turn of pace, got to the by-line and his low driven cross was side-footed home by Joel Purkiss.

The game was not settled until stoppage time, however.

Tividale sub Leigh Downing collected a pass in the box with his back to goal and looked to be going nowhere, but Sheffield defender Brandon Caldwell dived in and brought him down. For the second time in five days Downing made no mistake from the spot.

Steelmen show their six appeal

Bilston Town 6 Cradley Town 1
BILSTON Town turned in a stunning first-half performance as they whipped Cradley Town 6-1 in the West Midlands Premier Division.

Right from the start Bilston pressed the visitors into their own half with a fast tempo game that Cradley just couldn't come to terms with. Mark Habbershaw headed the opener in 12 minutes, with further goals from Liam Morris, Matt Fulloway, Mike Nelson and then Habbershaw again before the break. Substitute Jordan Brown added a sixth in the second half.

Chris Bladen scored a consolation goal for Cradley in the last five minutes of the game.

Tai struggling to cope with stress

WORLD speedway champion Tai Woffinden says he is still struggling to cope with his exhausting schedule.

The British golden boy, who lifted the sport's biggest prize in Poland last October, missed some racing just before last month's Speedway World Cup with a stress-related illness.

Now he says he's taking one meeting at a time in a bid to be as successful as possible before the end of the season – including retaining his prestigious world crown.

"My schedule this year is way too much, I thought I could handle it but I am struggling," said Woffinden, Britain's first world champion since 2000.

"I'm just being honest, I'm not enjoying certain aspects of my racing right now and I'm not asking for sympathy. I'm just trying to explain to everyone how I feel about things. I have to make decisions on my future and I'm going to upset someone, somewhere along the line.

"I'm doing my very best to deal with things and race to the best of my ability.

Speedway

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Heathens are the strongest – Clegg

MAX Clegg has labelled Cradley the strongest team in the National League.

The 17-year-old West Yorkshire racer, who is in his second season with the club, says the league title is there for the taking – if they keep a full strength side.

They'll face Devon at Monmore next Tuesday without Matt Williamson who is riding for Premier League side Scunthorpe and Michael Neale will replace him.

Neale will also ride for the Heathens in their appetising Knockout Cup tie with Coventry the following week with Williamson dropping to reserve in September.

Clegg, who won the league with the Heathens last season, is convinced they can do it again.

He said: "I think we've got the strongest team in the National League again this year, and I think we've got what it takes to win the play-off again.

"Obviously you never know exactly what will happen, but we are confident we can go all the way again like we did last year.

"Hopefully we can kick on and have a good final couple of months and we can bring those trophies back to Cradley."

Christie tap-in gives Yeltz the first victory

Barwell 0 Halesowen 1
HALESOWEN claimed their first win of the new season in Leicestershire as an lyseden Christie tap-in was enough to take three points back home to the Black Country.

John Hill opted to leave Ben Haseley out of the starting 11 for the first time since his return from injury, as the striker hasn't scored for the Yeltz this season, and Robert Thompson-Brown was brought into the side.

Neil Mackenzie, Tom Tonks and Joel Kettle all started for the first time this season, as they took Aaron Forde's, Elliott Turner's and Asa Charlton's places in the side.

Halesowen had the first chance at goal 12 minutes in, as Tonks whipped a cross into the box, and lyseden Christie was quickest to react, as he jumped above the defender and nodded the ball in the right direction, but wide.

Tonks had a chance later on as well, as he ran onto Neil Mackenzie's pass and smashed the ball towards goal, but goalkeeper Liam Castle produced a fantastic save to deny him his first goal at this level.

Barwell only really had one good chance in the first half, as Danny Haynes kicked the ball across the box to Luke Barlone, who could only volley the ball past the right hand post, and should have done better with the time and space he was given by The Yeltz defence.

But it was Halesowen who would break the deadlock, as Thompson-Brown used his pace to burst down the

Rain puts dampener on race for promotion



Penkridge wicketkeeper Alex Watson calls for the wicket of Stourbridge's Jitesh Jivan-Patel, centre

PENKRIDGE and Stourbridge were frustrated by the weather as they looked to gain an advantage in the race for promotion from Division Two.

Penkridge looked favourites for victory when the weather brought an early end to their second-versus-third clash on Saturday.

It left them still just five points ahead of their opponents.

Matt Bradley had struck 80 from 82 balls, including 12 fours and a six, to top-score in Stourbridge's 167 all out.

His only major support came from Jitesh Jivan-Patel, who made 33.

Laeq Chisti claimed 3-32 and Muhammad Murad 2-49 for Penkridge, who were then 7-0 when rain halted the match just one over into their reply.

Mid-table Halesowen were also thwarted by the weather.

A 151 not out from William Fraine had put them in a strong position against Coventry and North Warwickshire.

Fraine's innings, which included 14 fours and five sixes, was the highlight of a Halesowen total of 293-4, which also featured 67 from Kester Moseley and 45 from Wes Griffiths.

They then reduced their opponents to 104-4 in reply, only for the game to be abandoned due to rain.

Tivs keep unbeaten run alive

Chasetown 0 Tividale 0
TIVIDALE preserved their unbeaten start to the Northern Premier League campaign at Chasetown, although they were unable to maintain their 100 per cent record as defences came out on top.

The visitors had a couple of long-range efforts in the first half which flashed wide, while the hosts created early chances for Richard Davies and Nick Wellecommel.

Midway through the half, Nathan Waite timed a pass to perfection to Lee Parsons, but Price rushed off his line to deny the Chasetown midfielder.

Former Scholar Jazz Luckie, who only signed for Tividale at the weekend, almost scored.



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Richards starts off a rout for Tipton

Tipton 5 Dunkirk 0
TIPTON went nap against a subdued Dunkirk side to claim the points in their Midland League Premier clash.

The home side registered an opening goal in just the third minute, the commanding figure of Jemiah Richards heading home.

Visiting keeper Jake Want pulled off a string of fine saves as he appeared to be playing Town on his own, but he was beaten again after 27 minutes when Danny Carey-Bertram drove the ball home.

A little after the hour Bevas was desperately unlucky not to put Town further behind after a massive scramble deep in the visitors' penalty box.

Shortly afterwards, with Tipton again very much in command, the inevitable occurred when Josh March's through ball sent Carey-Bertram hurtling clear for him to pick his spot with ease.

Matt Ellis made it 4-0 in the 76th minute after Pitt's free-kick proved too hot to hold and Bevas poked wide just a minute later after a one on one with the keeper.

Mark Ganderton came close with a header before Bevas deservedly capped a great display when rifling home from close range.

Big Ron tickets are going fast

RON Atkinson, one of football's most charismatic former managers, has attracted massive interest for his appearance in Wolverhampton next month.

Atkinson, who won the League Cup with Villa in 1994 and had two spells in charge of Albion during a glittering career, will be live on stage at the Cleveland Arms, Stow Heath Lane WV1 2QN on Thursday, September 25.

All VIP tickets have already been sold but some standard tickets remain.

'Big Ron' turned 75 earlier this year and admits he's enjoying life as much as ever as he looks ahead to his visit.

"I always tell people I left school at 15 and haven't worked since!" said Ron. Tickets are available in from the Cleveland Arms or on 01902 451021 or visit clevelandarms.com

Glassboys fail to exploit 10-man Rushall

Stourbridge 0 Rushall Olympic 0
STOURBRIDGE had to settle for a share of the spoils in this Bank Holiday clash as 10-man Rushall survived a second half onslaught.

Visiting boss Richard Sneekes was sent to the stands by the referee in an anxious final few moments.

The visitors had midfielder Steve Palmer sent off early in the second half but the Glassboys failed to make their extra man count. The home side dominated the opening stages and went close inside seven minutes when Kayelden Brown powered an

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effort over the crossbar.

On 13 minutes, a Glassboys corner was put back into the box by Chris Knight and Brian Smikle appeared to have stabbed the ball over the line only for Chris Gemmell to save it just in time.

Stour continued to press and three minutes later they almost broke the deadlock from a sweet flowing move down the left.

Drew Canavan and Smikle combined and when the latter floated a pass into the area,

Ben Billingham sent a diving header over the target from eight yards.

Moments later Billingham had another effort but this time with a free-kick that scraped the top of the crossbar.

Rushall were having a fair share of the ball in the first half but struggled to test Dean Coleman in the home goal with the Stour defence keeping them at bay. But with seven minutes of the half remaining, they almost scored against the run of play when Mark Danks sent a fierce drive goalwards and it needed an excellent fingertip save from the Glassboys keeper to deny

him. Early in the second half, the referee had words with Palmer following his meaty challenge on Canavan.

And just shy of the hour, the Rushall player saw red after he grabbed Stourbridge skipper Sean Geddes as they scuffled for the ball.

Playing against 10 men, Gary Hackett's side looked to make their extra man count with Kyle Haynes having a shot blocked before Leon Broadhurst headed a corner wide. But the closest they came to grabbing winner was an effort from substitute Luke Benbow.

Runners take on the train

RICHARD TONKS from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club traveled to Somerset for the Battle of Sedgemoor 10k, a mainly flat and potentially fast race around the villages of Drayton and Muchelney before finishing in Langport, passing through some extremely scenic rural countryside.

Although it was advertised as a battle it seemed more of a breeze as Tonks cruised to a massive PB in 42.38.

Elsewhere a group of blue hoops travelled to Tywyn, Wales for the annual Race the Train event, a unique 14 -mile race over varying terrain where runners try to beat the train to the finish.

A highly popular event with a field of almost 1,400 runners spread across four races regularly attracting runners from as far away as New Zealand. Mick Quane was first back for DK in 117th in 1.43.01 beating the train for the third time in as many attempts. Paul Richards was also ahead of the train in 1.46.02 in 143rd and Debbie Richards came home in 738th in 2.50.08. Over the shorter 10k distance at the event Cath Quane recorded 58.11 for 157th place.

Kinsella displays impress keeper

RICHARD O'DONNELL says Liam Kinsella has had the best start to a professional career of anyone he's ever seen.

The keeper believes the 18-year-old has been 'unbelievable' in his first three games for the Saddlers.

Kinsella, a first-year professional, has impressed against Bradford and Yeovil.

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WOLVES ARE IN A HAPPY PLACE

Cardiff 0 Wolves 1

WHAT a happy place Wolves are in at the moment.

Of course, it's early days and there's a long way to go.

But after three wins in four games, all against recent Premier League opposition, and three clean sheets, things are looking good. Few would have predicted such a smooth transition to the Championship.

Sure, it will get tougher; the relentless nature of the Championship means the weight of fixtures and uncompromising opposition, as well as injuries and suspensions and the inevitable dips in form, will all combine to check their progress at some stage.

But there is a feeling that Wolves, through having firm foundations, will be able to cope.

Established

Kenny Jackett's side have an established style of play, a group of footballers who know each other and their jobs, and momentum from last season which is helping to carry them along on a wave of confidence.

They also have a balanced squad, and when you see the likes of Sam Ricketts, Michael Jacobs and James Henry still to start a Championship game this season, you would think there are players of equal strength on the bench who can come in without weakening the side.

Bakary Sako created the first opportunity when his deliciously curling corner struck the inside of the far post and bounced away in the 13th minute.

By then Wolves had already established a foothold

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in the game that they never really relinquished, in keeping with the way they have controlled all four matches so far.

Cardiff boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's comment afterwards that his keeper David Marshall never had a save to make was as accurate as it was misleading.

True, Marshall didn't have to fling himself over the Molineux goalmouths, but that was only because Wolves' chances were either off target or were blocked.

That was the case with Rajiv van La Parra, who saw his effort deflected for a corner after cutting inside.

There was a scare for the home side when Adam Le Fondre raced away following a Wolves corner and nutmegged a defender before rolling his shot wide of the far post.

But Jackett's side returned to the attack and Lee Evans saw a first-time effort bounce narrowly off target.

Just when the game seemed to be heading for a goalless draw, fortune shone on Wolves when McDonald's cross was sliced home by Mark Hudson.



Nouha Dicko tangles with Mark Hudson of Cardiff whose own goal eventually gave Wolves the winner

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